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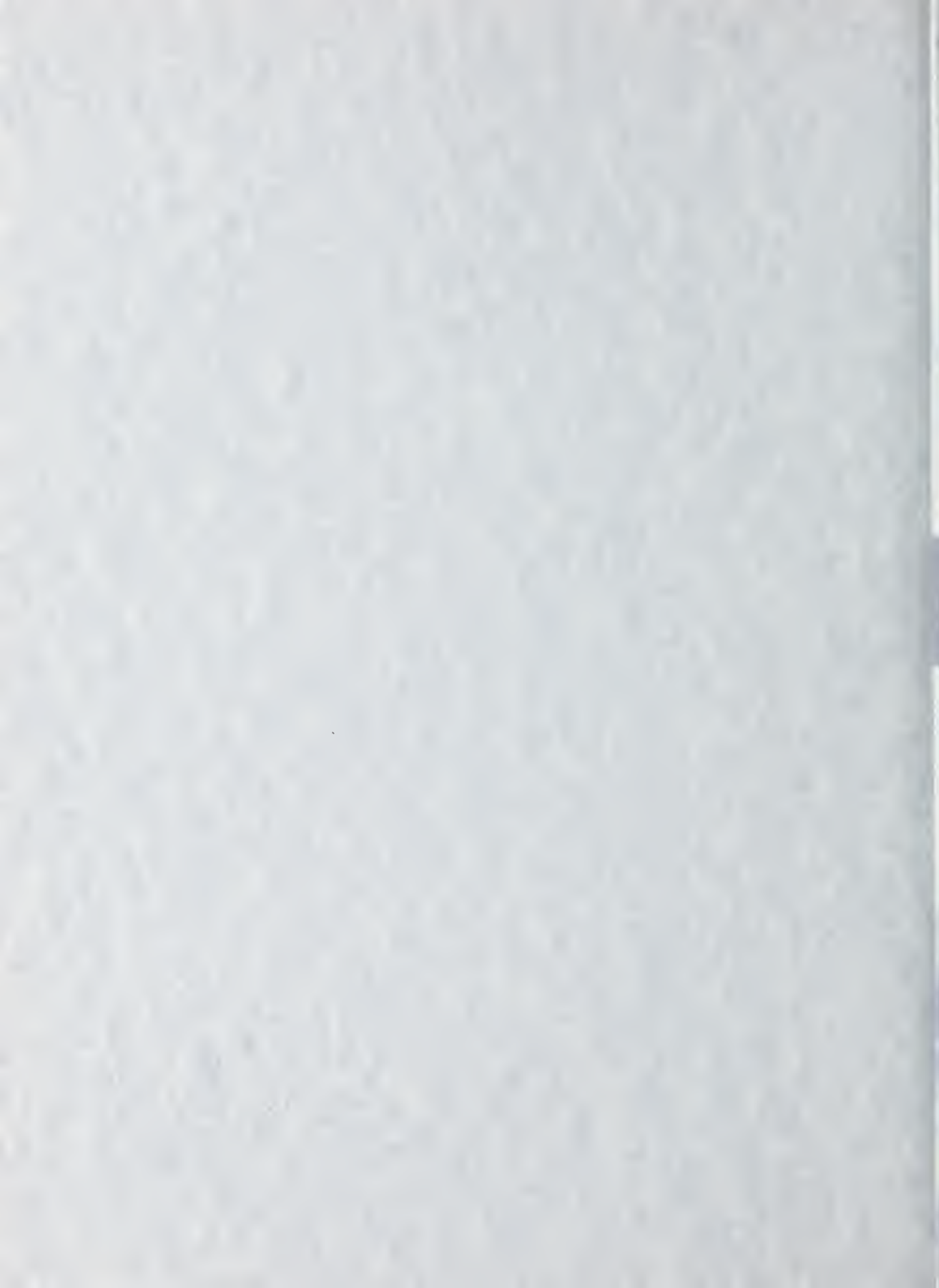


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2003 Dedication

Joe Exter & The Class of 2003



A member of the Class of 2003, Joe Exter came to Merrimack College from Cranston, Rhode Island. Joe led the Warrior hockey team as its goalie and captain and was recognized for his athletic accomplishments with many awards during his college career. Joe however, was just not an athlete but a loyal friend and successful student. His leadership, dedication, and work ethic on the ice were characteristics that carried over to the classroom where he majored in Political Science and to the college community where he made many friends.

At the beginning of the 2002-2003 hockey season, Joe asked his teammates to “trust and believe” in each other. This phrase took on added meaning on March 7, 2003, when Joe was critically injured during a playoff game. In the weeks following the accident, there was an outpouring of concern and sympathy from hockey fans and non hockey fans alike. The Merrimack College community responded as well, coming together to support Joe and his family in many different ways.

St. Augustine in his Sermons wrote: “Faith is to believe what you do not yet see; the reward for this faith is to see what you believe.” Joe’s remarkable recovery from injury has shown this statement to be especially true. Through this adversity the Class of 2003 and the college community learned to “trust and believe” in ourselves and in each other. With his courage and determination, Joe continues to be a leader in life as he was a leader on ice.

It is for these reasons that the 2003 Merrimack Yearbook is dedicated to our friend, our teammate and our classmate Joe Exter. He truly represents the best qualities of every single member of the Merrimack College Class of 2003.

Mary McHugh
Class of 2003 Advisor



The Story of the Seal of Merrimack College

It's heraldry deeply symbolic...

Waving lines of blue and gold, representing the Merrimack River, Merru-asquam-ack, the place of swift water...our college has already made tremendous strides in becoming a veritable fountainhead of Christian culture and advancement for all those entering its stream of activities.

"A trimount of the field charged with a cross fleurette," a part of the coat of arms of Archbishop Cushing, under whose patronage the College was established, representing trimount, the original appellation of Boston.

A child's voice saying "tolle lege, tolle lege" (take up and read, take up and read) led to the conversion of St.

Augustine and the dedication of his life to Christ.

"Per scientiam ad sapientiam," (through knowledge to wisdom,) the ultimate purpose of Merrimack College...only through valid combination of intellectual and spiritual knowledge of God and the world can we attain the fullness of wisdom.

College colors, blue for the fidelity of the Mother of God, and Gold for the wisdom of the true Church form the chromatic basis of the seal of Merrimack College, devoted to Mary under the title of Our Mother of Good Counsel, and under her protection.

President's Message



Dear Members of the Merrimack Class of 2003:

Congratulations on your graduation from Merrimack College. This yearbook you hold captures a moment of time in your lives – a brief, but important reflection on your life as a student here. I hope it has been more than you ever imagined.

During your time at Merrimack, you achieved many accomplishments, both personally and within our community. You have been an important part of making Merrimack what it is today, and on behalf of the college, I thank you for your contributions.

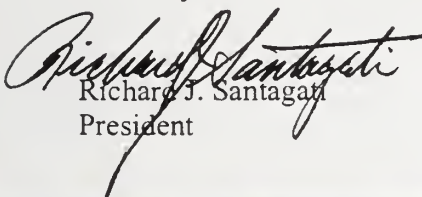
We have also faced many challenges together, most notably the tragedy of September 11, 2001 and the accident of your fellow student, Joe Exter, whose recovery was nothing short of remarkable. In our Augustinian tradition, we turned to each other to provide comfort during these difficult times. You should be proud of the support you provided to each other and of the important things you accomplished together. I know I am.

Merrimack has experienced a remarkable transformation over the past several years and I believe that you have experienced a historic turning point in the college's history. I thank you for your patience during construction of several new buildings to our campus, especially the Sakowich Campus Center and, most recently, the new residence. I hope you will return to campus often in the years to come.

Your spirit of determination and commitment to excellence reflects well on Merrimack and will carry you far on your journey through life. As you move on to new adventures and challenges in your lives, embrace and capture the many moments you will experience as you develop your careers, contribute to making society a better place, and become moral and responsible role models.

I wish you much success in your life, both professionally and personally. God bless.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Santagati
President

A Message from the Management Editor

I would like to offer my personal congratulations to the class of 2003! I hope that this yearbook captures all the moments that you have experienced throughout your time at Merrimack. The 2003 staff has worked diligently in putting this together. This yearbook is landmark book, being the first to be published entirely in color.

This has truly been a wonderful year. The staff of the 2003 Merrimackian is an amazing group of people. I am so happy that I had the opportunity to work with each person.

Emily-We did it!!! You did an excellent job as Editor-in-Chief. Thank you so much for your help and always being there to answer any questions that I had. I hope that next year I am able to follow in your footsteps and accomplish as much as you did as Editor-in-Chief. Good luck in all your future endeavors! The staff will greatly miss you next year!

Katie-Thank you so much for all your help and dedication to this book. Your smile and sense of humor always brightened our meetings. I am so glad that I had the opportunity to work with you and get to know you. I am looking forward to working with you next year!

Lisa-Thank you for an incredible year. You definitely made each meeting more exciting! Without your help, we would still be wondering what event went on which page. It was great getting to know you this year and I am looking forward to being able to work with you on the 2004 yearbook!

Michael-You did a wonderful job on the sports section! Thank you for your dedication and commitment. I know that next year will be a great year!

Kristen-It's hard to believe that we went to high school together and now we spent three years at Merrimack together working on the Merrimackian. I cannot believe how fast time goes by. You did a wonderful job putting the faculty and administration section together. Congratulations and good luck with everything that you do! We will miss you next year!

Jim Greeley-Thank you for being an awesome advisor!!! You were always there to answer our questions and to help us with whatever we needed. We will definitely miss you as our advisor next year!

Jeff Smith-We could not have completed this book without you! Thank you for everything that you do for us. You are a great person to work with and you always make our meetings more enjoyable. I am looking forward to a great year next year!

Kevin Salemme-I am looking forward to working with you as our advisor next year!

Lifetouch Photography Studio-Thank you for taking pictures of the events around campus and supplying us with film. You were always there when we needed you.

My Family-Thank you for always supporting me in whatever I do. You guys are the best! I do not know what I would do without you. Thank you for everything! I love you!

I am looking forward to a fun and exciting year as I assume the responsibility of Editor-in-Chief. Enjoy the 53rd volume of the Merrimackian!

Andrea Merrill

A Message from the Editor In Chief

It seems a bit odd to be writing this because it means that my time at Merrimack has officially come to an end. I can't say that it has been easy, but it certainly has been memorable. My term as Editor-In-Chief began with having to finish the 2002 book, which was unfortunately waaaaay behind schedule. A giant thank you goes out to those who helped me during that time because it was very strenuous and time was of the essence, as I'm sure you know, having seen me run around the campus center and be in the office at odd hours. I would like to say a special goodbye to Jim Greeley, who is handing over the reins of Advisor. I would also like to say goodbye to Father Joe Ferrell, a strong supporter of the Merrimackan and all that we do. Thank you both!

The 2003 book is like nothing that the Merrimack College community has seen before. I am extremely proud of this book and the people who worked on it with me. As a member of the Merrimackan staff for the past 4 years, I have come in contact with many people in many walks of life. This has broadened my horizons and changed me in ways that simply cannot be put into words. For the good, for the bad, I thank you all.

Andrea: You were my sounding board, right hand and my friend. Thank you so much and I'm happy (as I'm sure that you are) to say that I'm not handing over the yearbook in the mess that it was when I took over. Good luck - you'll do awesome!

Katie: You made me laugh when no one else could and I appreciate it more than you know. Good luck and enjoy your time at Merrimack!

Lisa: Your attitude was a breath of fresh air. You've got great ideas and you'll go far. Good luck on and off the lacrosse field!

Kristen: My fellow graduate - I know you kept some weird office hours, but you tried your hardest and that's what counts. Thank you and good luck in the future.

Jim Greeley: Thank you so much for all of your help. You kept me sane and were truly my greatest ally. You have become my friend and your door was never shut - I can't tell you how much that means to me. The yearbook will not be the same without you, but we both know it is in good hands.

Kevin Salemme: Good luck next year! I know that you will be a great advisor to the Merrimackan and your ideas will be much appreciated.

Jeff Smith: We met under unusual circumstances but without your help, I would probably still be working on the 2002 book. Your sense of humor made the long hours in the summer and fall of 2002 fly by and your attitude and enthusiasm are unmatched. I think it will be hard, but I know you will help the staff rise to their full potential and produce other landmark books in the future. Thank you!

Trish, Tina, Lori, Tim and assorted others: You are the greatest friends and roommates a person could have. I apologize for having yearbook stuff strewn about the apartment and disappearing for hours on end into the office. Four years is too short a time to spend among such memorable and interesting people.

The McQuade Library staff: I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to work for and with. Thank you so much!

Mom, Dad, Ian, family and friends outside of Merrimack: Without the support of this motley crew, I couldn't have accomplished half of what I have. You are incredible and I love you all. Just think Mom - now the house won't be cluttered with yearbook things!

Merrimack Community: Thank you for your help with the 2002 and 2003 books, especially the folks in Student Activities. Enjoy the superb 53rd edition of the Merrimackan and be sure to thank the Merrimackan staff - they work hard behind the scenes and often go unnoticed.

I had to work the theme in here somewhere so...Carpe Diem! Capture the Moment! :)

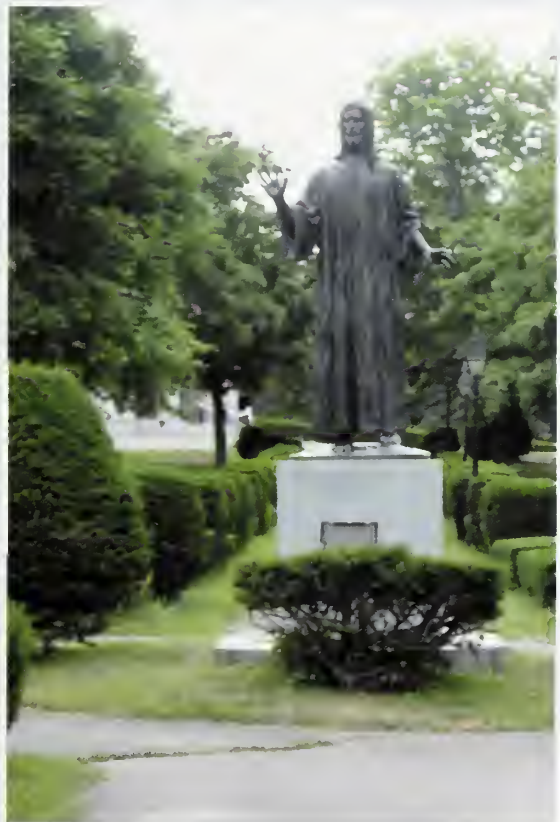
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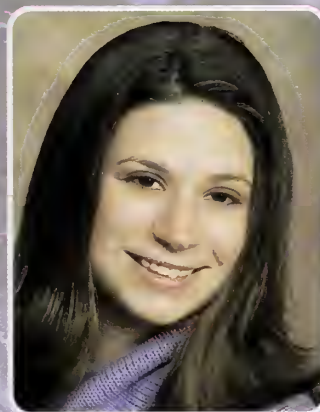
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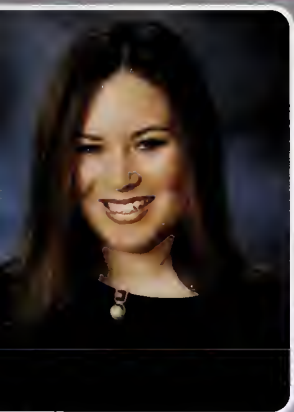
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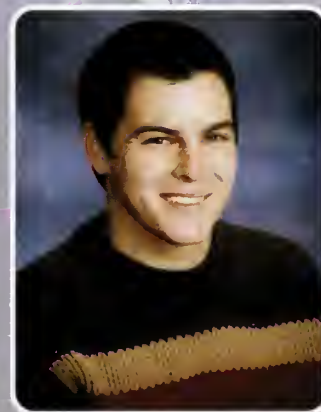
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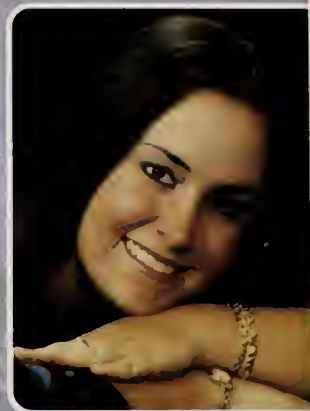
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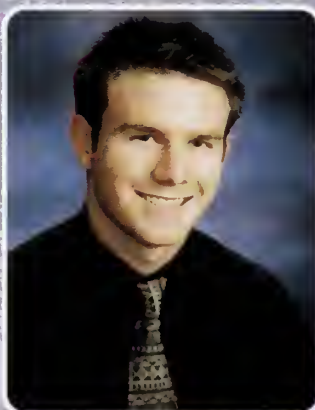
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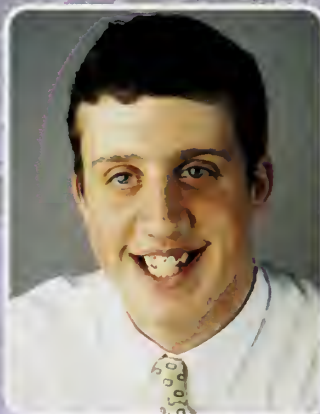
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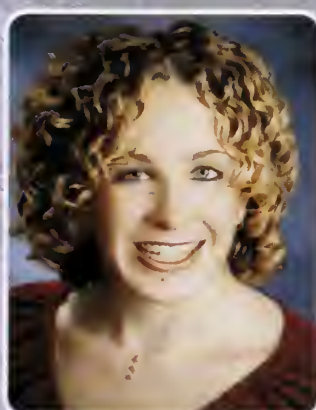
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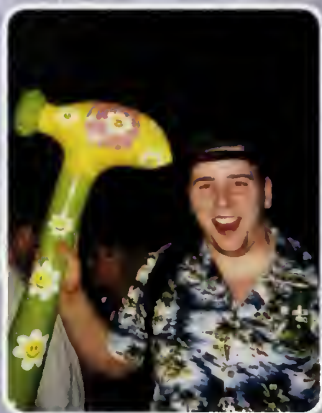
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Brian O'Keefe
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Matthew O'Neil
Jason Oliveira
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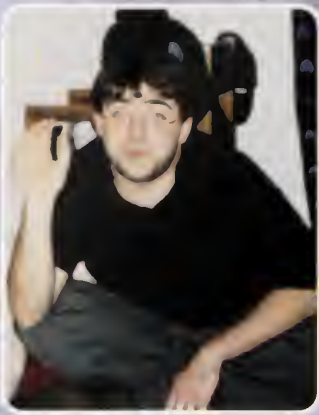
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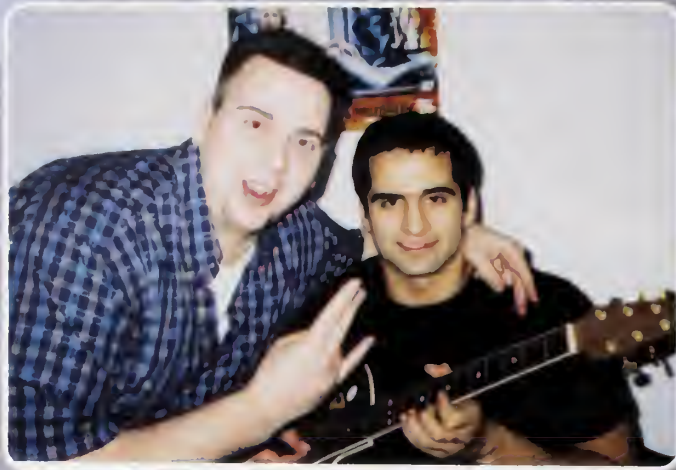
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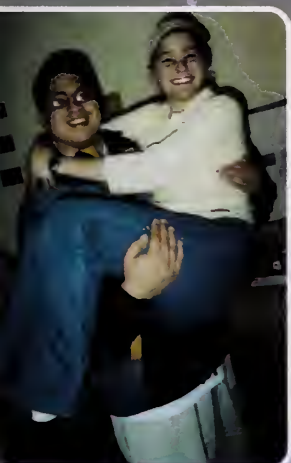



















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Stephanie M. Ackroyd



When an angel discovers herself, the universe
lights up." You have been discovered. We are
very proud of you.
Love, Mum and Dad

Alexander K. Alapatt

#57

You have used your spirit and strength
to become what your name means-
"defender of humanity" May the road
before you be paved with deeds of
honor and courage and made beautiful
by your music.

WE LOVE YOU!!!

Kate Altomari

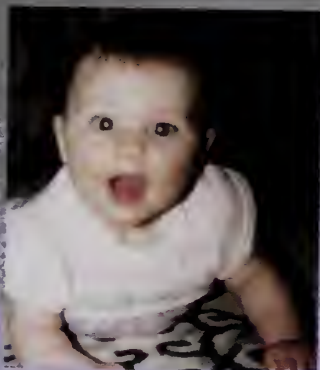
Kate, We are so proud of you
for everything you have
accomplished at Merrimack,
Love, Mom, Dad and Dana

Daniel Alves



Congratulations Dan! All your hard work has paid
off!! We're all so very proud of you!
Love. Dad, Mom, Andrew, Joe, Matt, & Kate!

Krista Marie Antonelli



Congratulations! We are proud of everything you
have accomplished so far in your life and we wish
you happiness and success in the future.
Love, Mom, Dad, Keri & Johnny

Stephen William Avitabile

Stephen,
Wishing you a lifetime rich in
happiness, love and good
health. We are so proud of you.
Congratulations!
Love, Mom and Dad

Diane Marie Barabino



The sacrifices you made to get there have made us proud of you. You reflect great credit upon yourself and your family. Love Mom, Dad, Susan & Billy

Jennifer Basile



Jen,
We are so proud of our little Fazzy. May all your dreams come true!
Love Mom, Dad, Joe, Stephen, Christine, Michaela and Bailey

Kathryn "Katie" Bean



One door closes, another opens, and your journey continues. Kate, we're so proud to call you our daughter.

With love and admiration
Mom & Rich

Kathryn L. Bean



Katie,
You have reached another plateau in your life. Follow your dreams knowing you are strong, secure and loved. We are very proud of you.
Love, Dad, Diane & Tasha

Mark J. Bell



Dear Mark, Words cannot express how proud we are of you in graduating from Merrimack. May you find all the happiness, love, and joy in life that you have given us. Congratulations! We love you. Mom, Dad and Brian

Christina Belmonte

Congratulations! We wish you a life filled with love, happiness, and success. We are so proud of the beautiful accomplished woman you have become. It is now time to pursue your dreams. Love, Mom and Dad

Lauren K. Berube



Lauren,
behind you are all the accomplishments and
challenges you conquered,
before you lie new horizons filled with endless
possibilities. Love, Mom and Dad

Kristen Jenna Bertolino

Kristen, I can't believe that you are
graduating from college. The pride and
joy I feel when I see all your accom-
plishments brings me to tears. As a
parent I couldn't have wished for more.
All my love, Mom

Brielle J. Bourgeois



our very own "Louise" whose strength and
determination has made her the wonderful young
woman she has become. We love you always!
Dad, Mom, Chantel, Brent and Katherine

Kendra T. Breitenfeld



Congratulations, Kendra! We are so proud of
our cute, funny, talented daughter! We wish
you the best of luck in the "real world!"
Love, Your Family

Jennifer M. Brierley



Jenn,
We are very proud of you!
Congratulations!
Love, Mom and Dad

Shannon E. Britsch



Shannon,
Confidently and independently you ventured 500 miles
to Merrimack where community involvement enhanced
your strong leadership talents. God blessed this world
when he sent you to us. With love, admiration, and
great pride, Mom, Dad, Kathleen and Ma

Jennifer Buco



Dear Jennifer!

"We are so proud of you"

Your Mom, Dad, sister Jacqueline and
brother Jason

Jilane Buonopane

Jil-

You are a hard-working graduate,
a wonderful daughter, and a spe-
cial person. WE ARE VERY
PROUD OF YOU. Love, Mom
and Dad

Caitlin Burke



From christening gown to cap and gown its been a
joy to see you grow into the beautiful, caring,
young woman you are today. We couldn't be
prouder! Congratulations!

Love-Dad, Mom, David, and Megan

Katie A. Cabral



Katie,

Our little girl has grown to be a beautiful young
woman. We are very proud of you. May all y
dreams come true.

Love, Ma & Dad

Alberto Rene Canas



Alberto.

Your future is in your hands.

We love you, Good Luck. God Bless You.

Your parents and brother

Best Wishes Always

Cara Catone



Cara,

"As far as your dreams can take you... that's
how far you can go!" (unknown)

Love, Mom, Dad, Michelle, Melissa, & Cece

Renee Chlus



Renee Congratulations! You have made us so proud. Follow your dreams. We love you very much!

Mom, Dad, and Christina

Erin Clement

Erin,
You have followed your dreams and accomplished them. Graduation Day is finally here and new challenges will await you. Your family is so proud of you and we love you very much. Love, Mom, Michele, Jodi, and Jimmy

Matthew P. Cochrane

Dear Matt, No words can express the joy and pride we have experienced from all of your accomplishments. May you be blessed with love, laughter, and good health all your life. May you always have "fair winds and following seas." We love you. Mom, Dad, Melissa, Brian, Chloe

Tracey Cole



"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves." Thank You for bringing sunshine to our lives. Love, Dad, Mom, and Stephen

Anne Christine Costa



Anne Christine, we are very proud of you, congratulations on your achievement, hope you succeed in life. Love, Mom, Dad, Jocelyn and Brittany

Andrea E. Croce



Andrea,
We are all so proud of your accomplishments. We Love You! Mom, Dad, Jackie, and Brian

Patricia Cronin



Patty- your character and unwavering integrity will guide you well. May happiness be your success and love your wealth. Love, Mom & Dad
We couldn't be prouder

Robert Curran



Congratualtions, Bobby! We are extremely proud of you! Mom, Dad, and all of your family wish you happiness, love for always, and a truly wonderful future.

Amanda Dalmath



Muffin, Congratulations!
We know you can accomplish anything; we've seen you travel 900 miles just to do laundry.
Love, Mom and Dad

James J. Daly



Jim- you have made all of us proud of your accomplishments at Merrimack. We wish you the best at PWC.
Love, Mom, Dad, Brothers and Sisters

Angela M. D'Ambrosio

Pooh,
From the day you were born the world has become a better place. Throughout life, you have set goals for yourslef and made us proud. Some people dream of success... while others wake up and work hard at it. Never lose sight of your dreams. Dreams really do come true-We have living proof. We have YOU! Thank you for making our lives so special. We love you! Good luck in the future. Dream it, Dare it, Do it! Love Mom, Jack, Trev & Shad

Angela D'Ambrosio



Angela,
Work like you don't need the money, Love like you've never been hurt, Dance like nobody's watching! You have always been a perfect role model for Trev and I really appretiate it Ang! I am so proud of you, I always show your picture to my favorite customer, as you know... I couldn't love you more! You'll always be our Princess!!! Love, Jack

Melissa Decarvalho

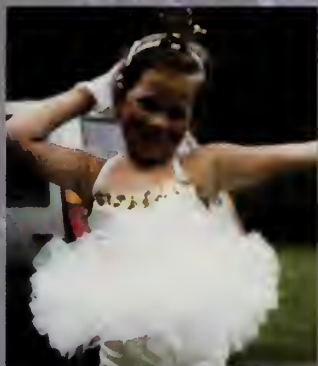


Congratulations Melissa,
We are so proud of you, you have grown and matured into a beautiful young woman. Keep reaching for the stars and may God bless whatever path you choose.
Love, Ryan, Mom & Dad

Sara Deleso

Sara, to be a star, you must shine your own light, follow your own path and don't worry about the darkness, for that is when stars shine brightest. You make us proud. We love you.
Godspeed.
Mom, Dad & Lauren

Jennifer P. DePoy



It is good to have an end to journey towards - but the journey that matters, in the end." What an incredible four years!!
We love you up to the sky and back -
Mom, Dad + Ryan

Trisha DiLuigi



Trisha -
Dad and I are so proud of you. You've come a long way in four years.

Deborah Discipio



We are so very proud of your success. Congratulations on a job well done.
We love you, Mom & Dad

Joseph Dolan



Joe - We are so proud of you and all you've accomplished! We wish you a future filled with happiness and success.
Love, Mom, Dad, Jeff, Greg and Jen

Michelle Drevet



We have seen your hard work, determination, and dedication. We have watched you dance from your first steps to great accomplishments. We're so proud of you.

Love, Mom and Papa

Joseph Steven Exter

Joe: We are all so proud of you and the goals that you have achieved by "trusting and believing" and persevering. Keep the faith. We love you!
The Exter Clan

Jeremy Fafard



Jeremy,
Looking back from your very 1st graduation thru Merrimack College, you have always made us proud. Thanks for being "our" son.
Love, Dad, Kate & Jamie

Tim Fenton

Sixteen years and what do you get? A piece of paper and a lot of Debt. The finance companies that hold your college loans thank you for financing their business for the next 30 years.

Congratulations and good luck from your Mom, Dad, Pete, Beth, the Appleseed, your friends, Keeper and The Fish Tank Seven.

Tina Fernandez



Like the sparkle in your eyes, you are the sparkle in our lives. We are proud of your many achievement and wish you a happy and successful future.
Love, Mom, Dad, Gladys, Michael and Abuelo

Kristen Ferraro



Kristen : We are proud of the incredible young woman you have become. We love you very much and wish you a lifetime of Health, Happiness and Success.
Love, Mom, Dad, Michelle XXXOO

Holly Ferris



Holly,
Congratulations on a job well done. You've
worked very hard and we're really proud of you!
Lots of Love, Mom, Dad, Mimi and Scott

Timothy Jason Fields



Tim,
From childhood to adulthood - its been a wonder-
ful journey! You have accomplished much, but
nothing as important as your Merrimack Degree.
We love you. Mom, Dad and Amy

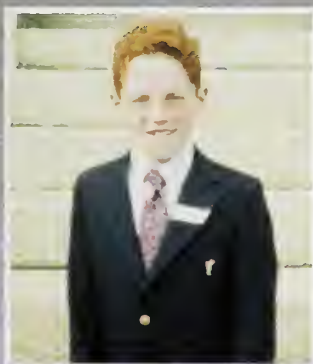
Steven Finocchiaro

Steven, you did it! Honors
through high school and now
college! Your hard working
attitude proves success
follows. Keep it up!
Love, Mom + Dad

Christopher Firth

Chris: Courageous, Honest,
Resolute, Intelligent, Strong.
You have perservered and
overcome. We are so proud.
Love, Ma & Lynn

Frank Fitzpatrick



Frank, you continue to make us very proud. We
love you dearly. May you have great success in
all your endeavors.
The Fitzpatrick Family

Jean Flynn



Jean - Congratulations!
We are all very proud of you and love you very
much.
Love, Mom, Dad, Cliff and Jessica

Bridget P. Fradette

Congratulations on a job well done! We are so proud of your academic accomplishments and the wonderful young woman you are. We have enjoyed your Merrimack years and all the great friends you have made. God Bless you.

Love, Dad, Mom, Katie, Matt and Michael

Courtney A. Frangioso



Dear Courtney: Congratulations, we are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. We can't believe the time is already here. Good Luck with your future and may all your dreams come true. We love you very much, Dad, Mom & Marc

Kristine Frizzell



Dear Krissy,
Wherever you may go in life, our love goes with you. So proud of you and all your accomplishments!

Love, Mom, DAd & Bobby

Michael Gallant

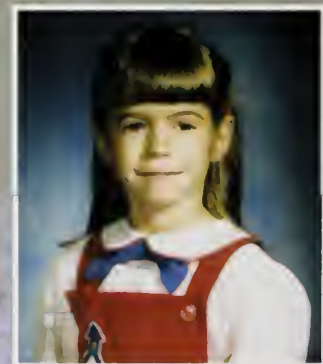


To our entrepreneur: You've always been one to take the road less travelled and your accomplishments speak for themselves. Mary G., Dad G., And Mom G. Love you to pieces. Congratulations Michael!

Kevin Gerslel

We're so very proud of you
Kevin!
WOOOOO!!!
Love, Mom, Dad & Bridget

Jennifer Griffiths



Jen - We are so proud of you! Congratulations on all your achievements! We wish you the best of luck starting your new career.
Love, Mom, Dad & Mike

Jamie Grossi



Jamie,
Keep swinging away! Your hardwork, honesty,
charm and caring will make your life a big hit.
Have a wonderful future.
We love, you, Mom, Dad, Tracey and Hailey

Joseph Gualtieri

Joe,
I am very proud to have a son like you.
I am proud of the person you have
become. I am proud of what you have
accomplished. And I have never been
more proud than I am today. Mom

Rebecca L. Hajj



Rebecca, You did it! Four fabulous years and now you
are on your way! We couldn't be more proud of
you. Love, Mom, Dad +Mandy

Kathleen Jamieson



Dear Kathleen: We are really proud of you & all
your accomplishment. Feel great about the hard
work, great friends & wonderful memories.
Love, Mom & Dad

Colleen Keeley



Colleen, be proud of your accomplishments. You
have never, ever let us down. We love you very
much.
Love, Mum, Dad and Jess
Jo Mack!

Jason R. Lanziero



MY BOY, thanks for each and every treasure that you gave,
every smile and every teardrop, every special moment that
I've saved. I tell you here and now for all to see, just how glad
I am that you came into my life and how proud you've made
me. So much more than just a son, you are my joy. Love,
Mom, Dad and Family

Laura M. Lemoine

Congratulations on your many accomplishments, most of all on the lovely and intelligent young woman you are! We are proud of you and wish you much success with all of your goals. Love, Mom & Dad, Gram, and the "Sibs"

Jason Liner



It seems like only yesterday when you were born - the cold Christmas Eve. The best Christmas present ever! You've always made us proud with all you have accomplished. Follow your dreams, and always remember where home is. You're the best! Love, Mom + Dad

Cheryl Loiselle



Dear Cheryl,
We love you and are so very proud of your accomplishments. All our love, Mom, Dad and Jeff

Erin Ludy



Congratulations Erin!
The years have flown by and all your hard work has paid off. We're very proud of you.
Love, Mom and Dad

Kristin Lundbloom



Kristin - We are so proud of you today and always. Remember this is not the end, it is only the beginning. Look to the future, it's yours. Love, Mom and Dad

Matthew Jamison Lynch



"Just can't get enough soccer!"
All our love and congratulations,
Mom, Dad, Erin and JoJo

Kathryn Mahoney



Katie,
We are so proud of you! May all your dreams
come true! We love you always and forever.
Mom, Dad & Mike

Lauri Anne Marshall

Lauri, Congratulations on this special
day-remember these words; if you
are true to yourself...if you love with
your whole heart...if you stand by
your dreams and if you believe in
your convictions you can never fail. I
love you, Mum

Erika Martin



Our Little Girl-Congratulations!! Erika, It seems
like yesterday that you started first grade. We're
so happy and proud of what you've accomplished
in your college years. We love you very much,
and will always stand by you. Your grandparents
are so proud too!

Rocco Mastrangelo



Rocco,
Congratulations! Words cannot express how
proud we are of you. Your determination is admi-
rable, and will take you far in life.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Richard M. Mathews

Proudest parents a son could
have.
Love,
Dad, Lori & Sophie

Matthew J. McAuliffe



Congratulations, Matty, on a job well done. Good
luck as you travel down another exciting pathway
of life. With love and support,
Mom and Dad

Heather McCole



Heather,
Congratulations and best wishes as you pursue
your dream of becoming a registered nurse. Not
only our sister, you are also our best friend! Love,
Jennifer and Meaghan

Heather McCole



Congratulations Heather-We couldn't be prouder
of you and all your accomplishments. You've
become a beautiful, intelligent young woman.
May all of your hopes and dreams come true. All
our love, Mom & Dad XOXO

Kaitlyn McCone



Kate,
You did it!! You believed in yourself and perse-
vered. So now, "Look out world...here she
comes!" Love,
Mom, Dad, Dan, Stacey, Seamus

Todd M. McGrain




Congratulations! I'm very proud of you and all
your accomplishments. I wish you happiness and
success. Follow your dreams.
I love you,
Mom

Richard Charles McNeely

Richard,
We are so proud of your accomplish-
ments! You have worked very hard
these past four years and achieved
your graduation goal! Congratulations!
We know that you will be successful in
the future!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Sarah, Justin, Elizabeth,
and Thomas

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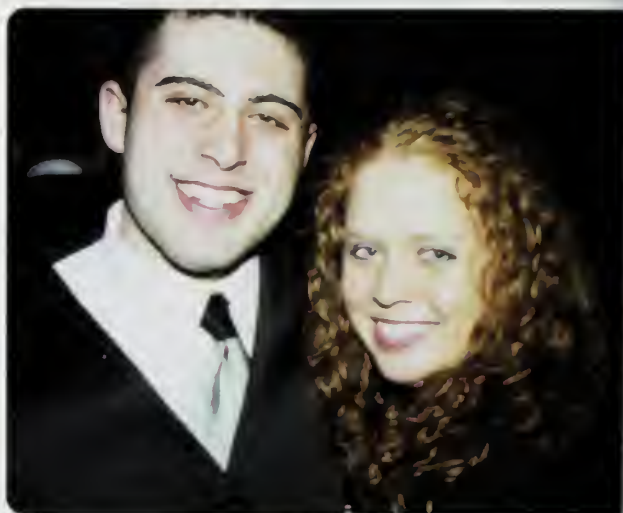
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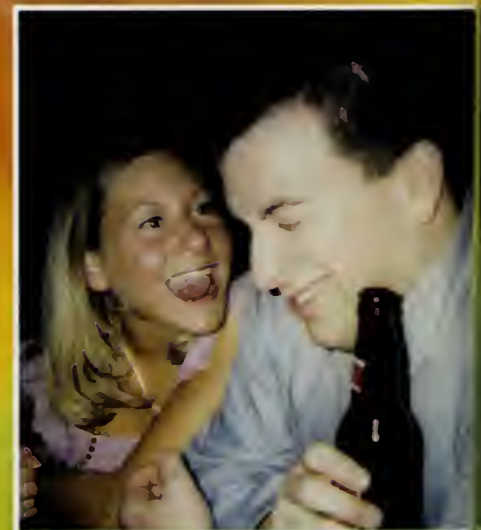
















Senior Brunch











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Baccalaureate Dinner

Senior Class Awards

William J. Murray, O.S.A. Medal

James J. Daly
Jennifer P. DePoy

Allen J. Ash Senior Service Award

Meghan A. McFarlin

Joseph P. Daley Award

Timothy J. Fenton
Kathleens A. Lyons

Student Personnel Award

Kathryn M. Berstene
Shannon E. Britsch
Kelly A. Butterworth
Emily B. Canavan
Melissa A. DeCarvalho
Jean E. Flynn
Nishant P. Jhaveri
David W. Lemay
Jason A. Palumbo
Lori A. Perella
Lucas A. Smith
Jessica L. Whitney
Kyle M. Wescott

David A. Rafferty III Memorial

Patricia Cronin
Justin F. St. Hilaire

William K. Cornell, O.S.A. Award

Adam R. Capalbo

Brian S. Lowery, O.S.A. Award

Jackson L. Garcia

Campus Ministry Award

Nicole F. Lawton

Commencement



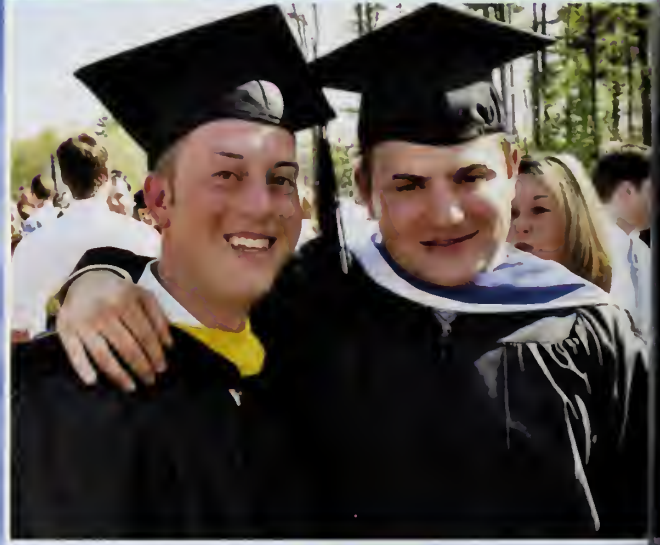
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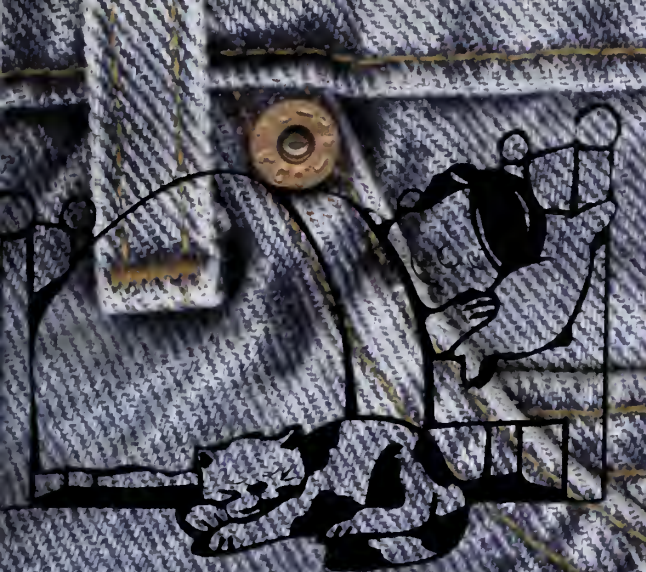
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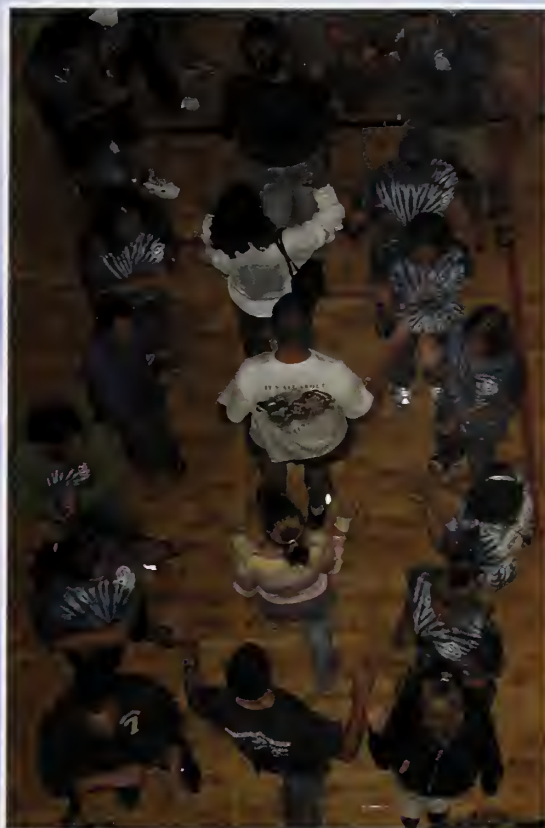


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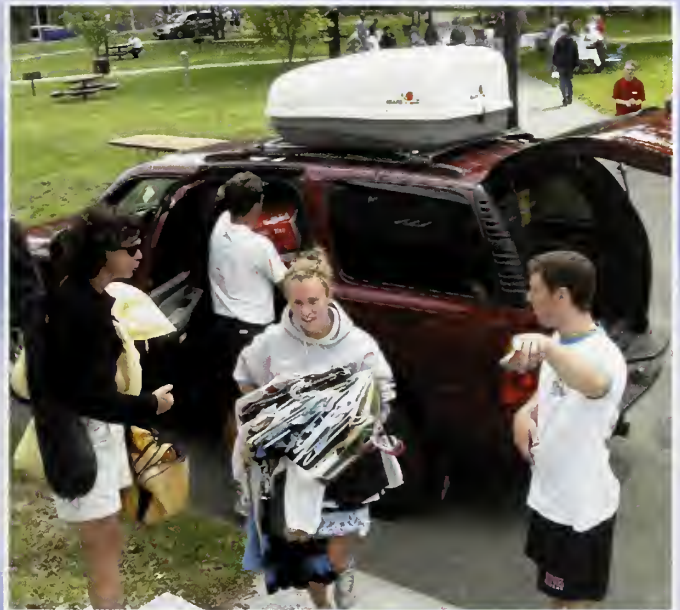
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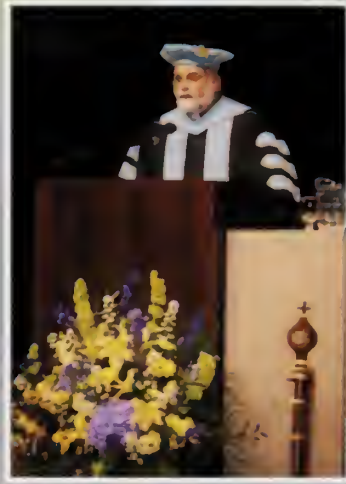




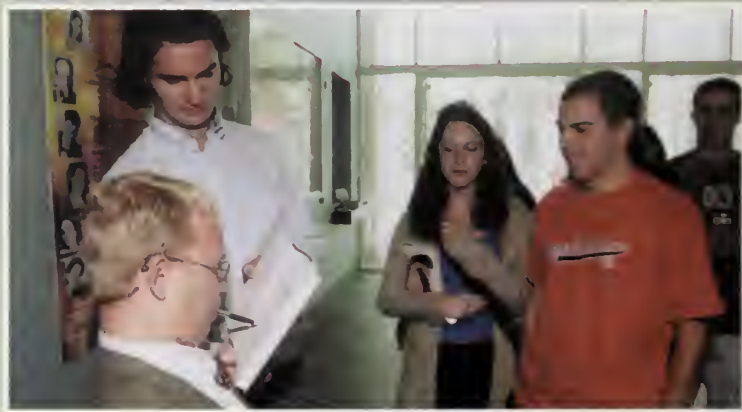




Opening Convocation







Family/Homecoming Weekend











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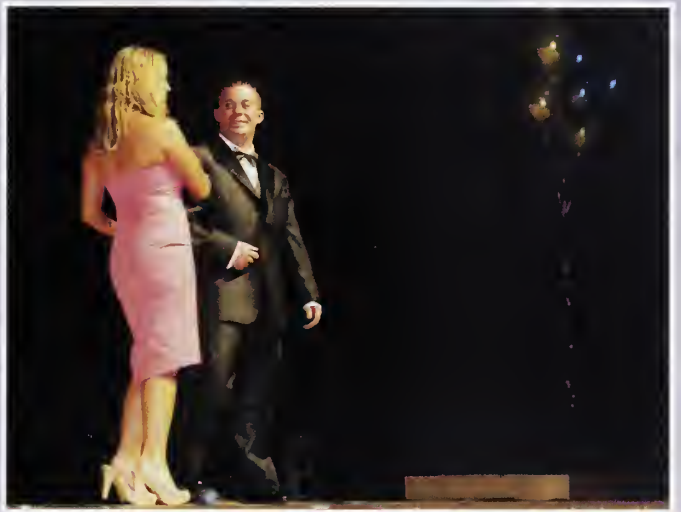
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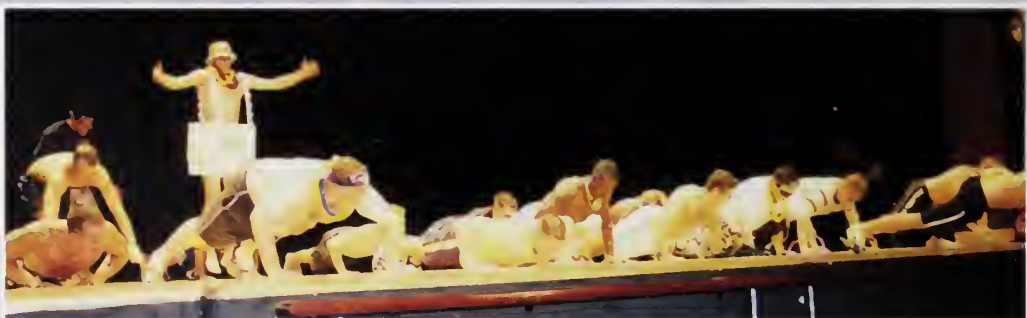






Mr. Merrimack

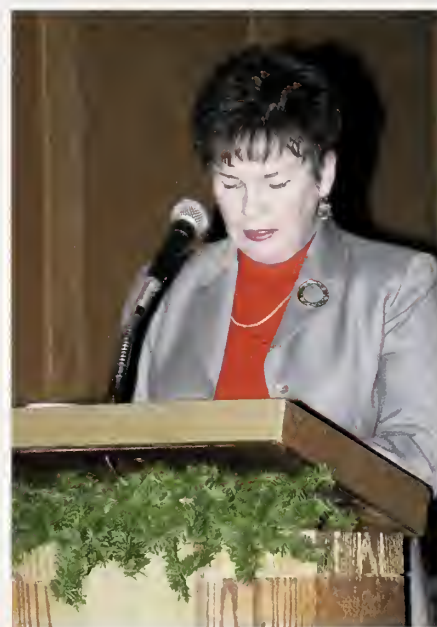




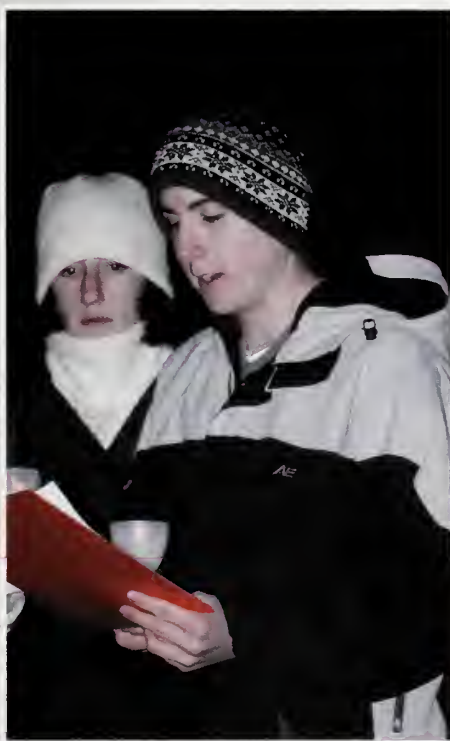
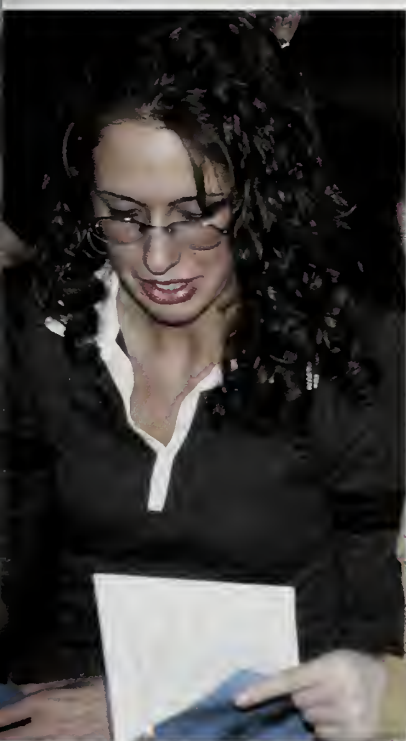




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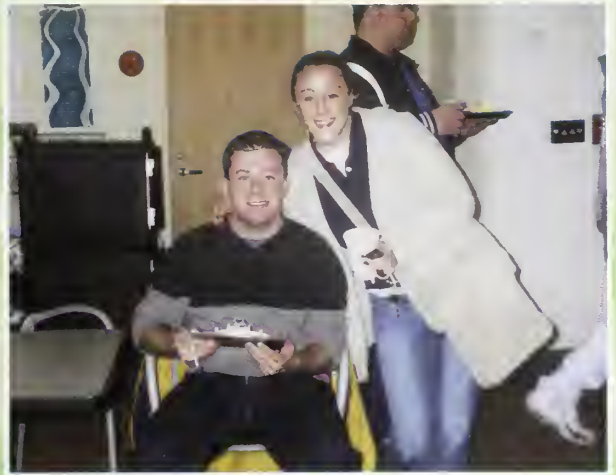
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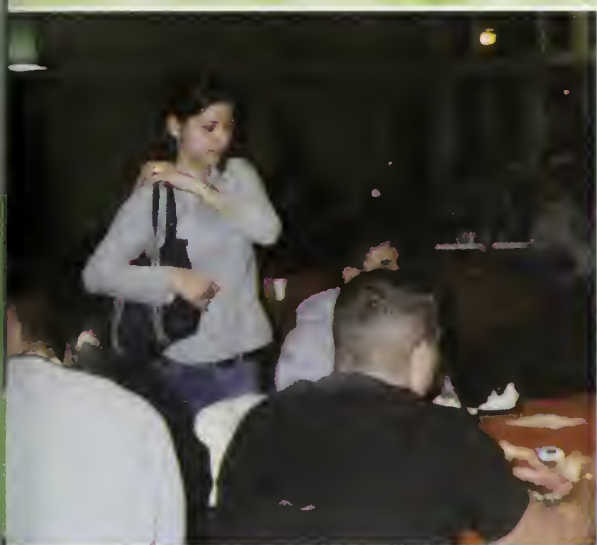




Cram Jam







Honors Convocation

Presidential Scholars 2003

Alexis Baker-Psychology/Secondary Education
Kristen Barra-Business Administration/Management
Danielle Bastien-Business Administration/Marketing
Christina Belmonte-Communication Studies/Business Administration
Lauren Berube-Biology
Jilane Buonopane-Psychology/Political Science
Jared Butcher-Psychology
Kelly Caruso-Sociology/Elementary Education
Justin Cifuni-Health Science
Laura Collins-Communication Studies
Bridget Cox-Psychology/Elementary Education
Patricia Cronin-Mathematics
James Daly-Business Administration/Accounting
Josie Della Grotta-Business Administration/Management
Nicole DiVincenzo-English/Elementary Education
Michelle Drevet-Business Administration/Marketing
Patricia Eastman-Business Administration/Accounting
Tina Fernandez-Computer Science
Michael Gallant-Business Administration/Management
Jaclyn Greene-Chemistry
Helen Haas-Religious Studies
Kara Harrison-Business Administration/Marketing
Robert Harvey-Physics
Jason Jackson-French/Secondary Education
Kathleen Jamieson-Business Administration/Marketing
Jason Kalil-Business Administration/Finance
Scott Kimball-Business Administration/Finance
Benjamin King-Computer Science/Mathematics
Kristen Kudreyko-Psychology/Elementary Education
Danielle Lavallee-Sociology
Nicole Lawton-Psychology

Carly Linder-Psychology
Derek Lombard-Business Administration/Accounting
Christopher Main-Civil Engineering
Ian Monks-Electrical Engineering
Melinda Morkeski-Business Administration/International Business
Brian Morrison-Physics/Mathematics
Kristin Morrison-Psychology/Elementary Education
Jacqueline Oates-Business Administration/Marketing
Jonathan Patrowicz-Psychology
Carolyn Piazza-Communication Studies
Stephanie Powell-Communication Studies
Lindsey Reynolds-Business Administration/Management
Laura Robinson-Health Science
Sarah Roth-Psychology/French
Sean Ryan-Business Administration/Finance
Audrey Rzepecki-Business Administration/Finance
Amanda Santos-English/Elementary Education
Cassandra Scott-Business Administration/Accounting
Jessica Shawver-Psychology/Spanish
Christopher Shields-Sports Medicine
Amy Simonds-Biology
Lucas Smith-Philosophy/Political Science
Dorothy Sutherland-Liberal Arts
Paul Takach-Business Administration/Finance
Heather Tittmann-Business Administration/Finance
Jennifer Toy-French
Lisa Verrocchi-Psychology/Elementary Education
Bonnie Wilkinson-Business Administration/Accounting

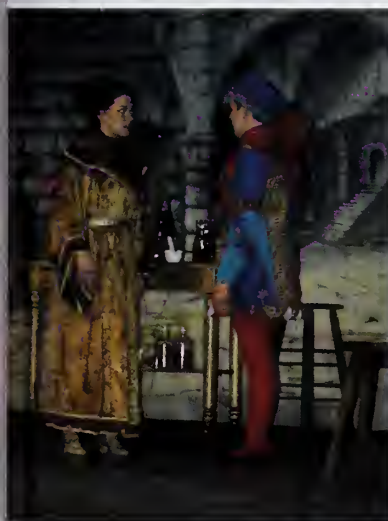
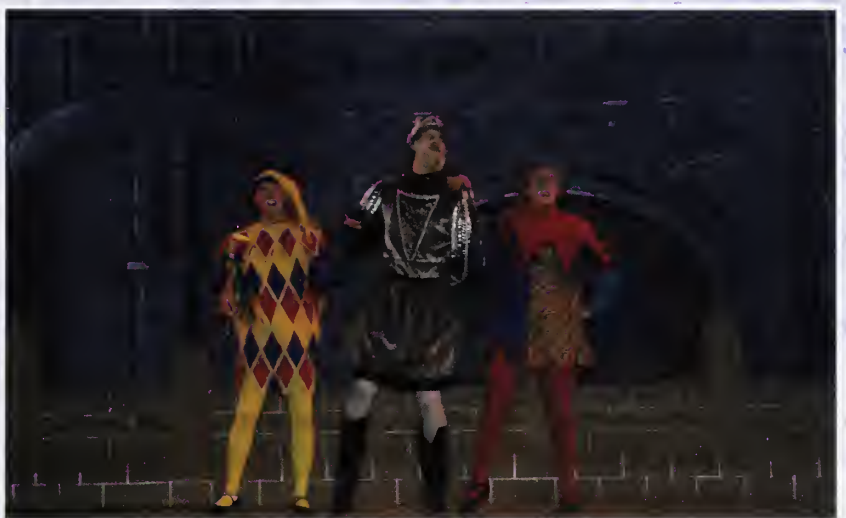
Other Awards

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 Frederick W. Taylor Award
 Bob Costello Award
 Joseph R. and Nancy M. Traina Award
 Reverend John R. Aherne, O.S.A. Poetry Prize

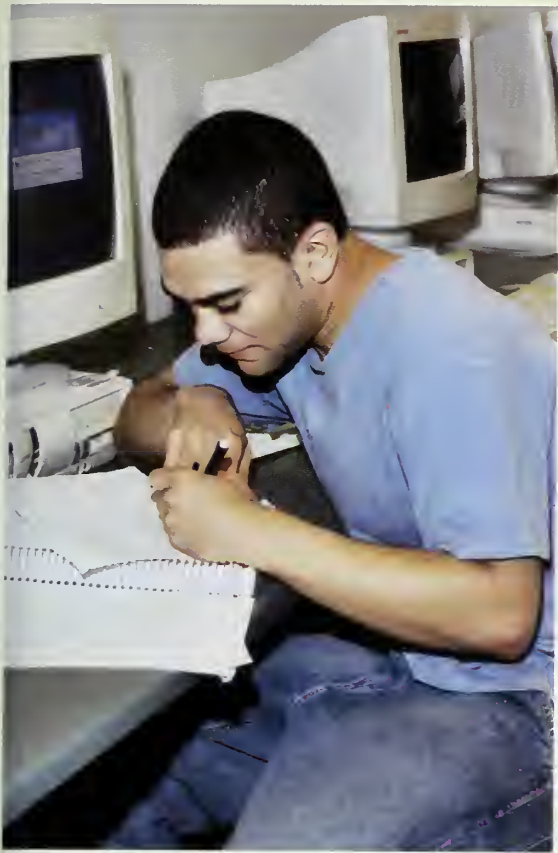
James Daly	Class of 2003
Michael Gallant	Class of 2003
Lauren Berube	Class of 2003
Noelle Sannella	Class of 2003
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Amy Tremblay	Class of 2005
Jessica Rabito	Class of 2004



Once Upon A Mattress







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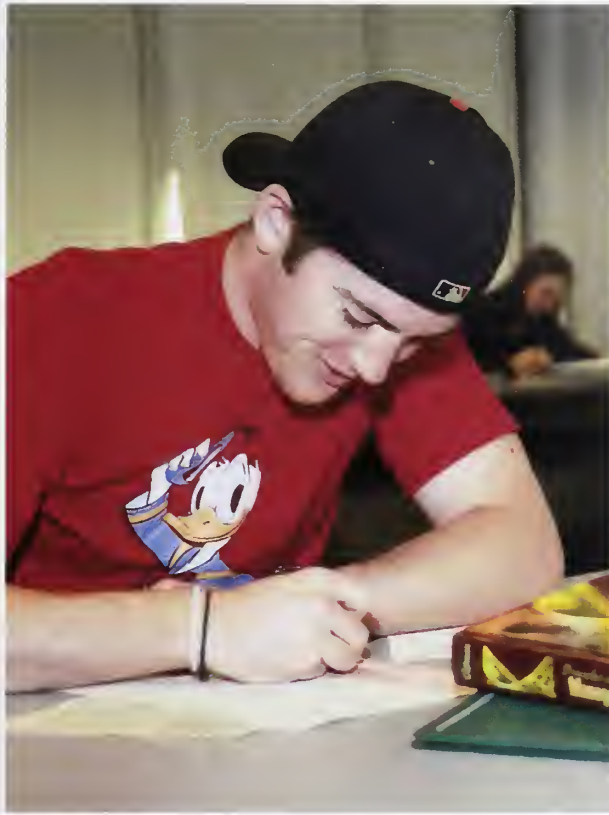




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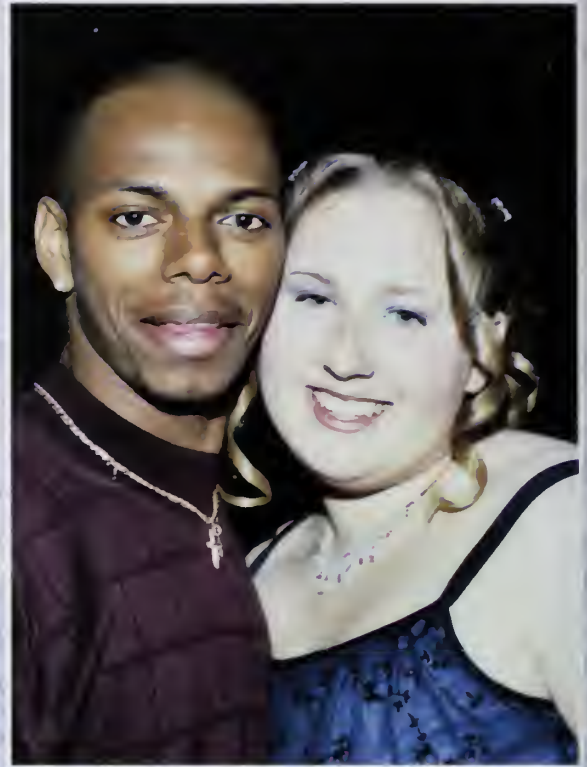


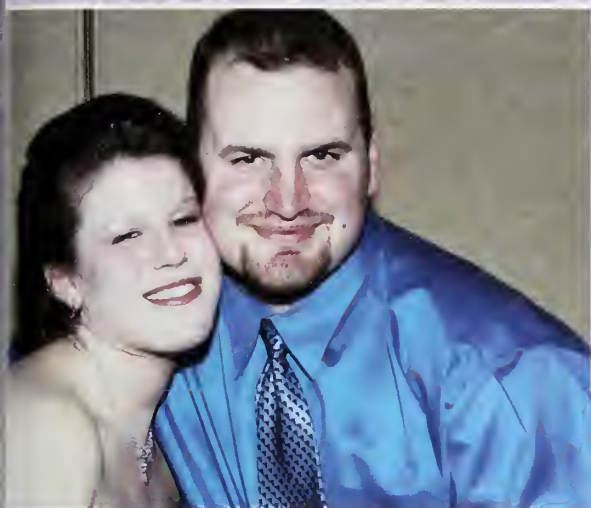






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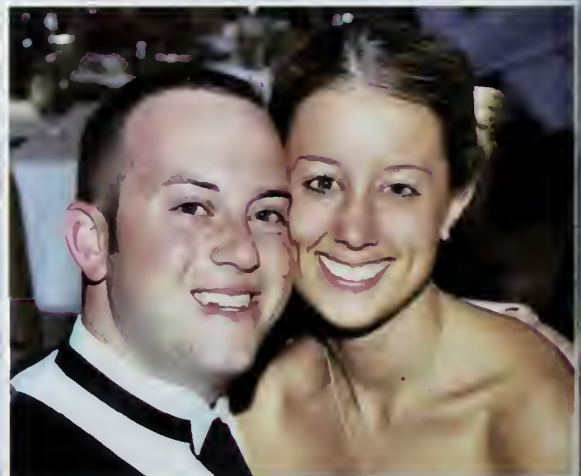
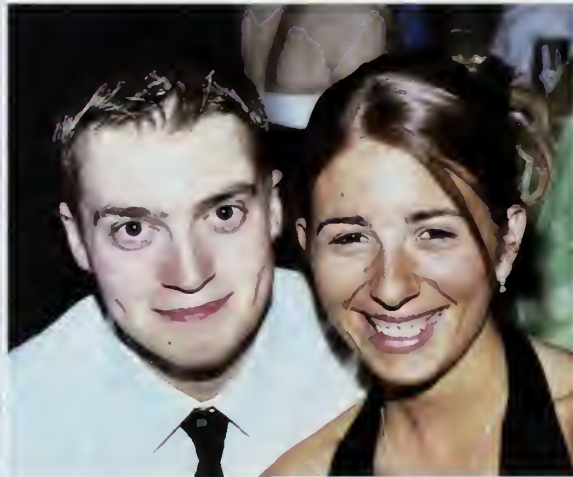
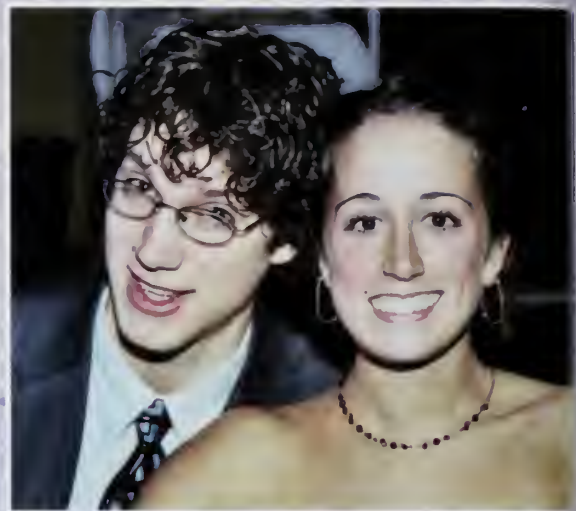
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April 5, 2003

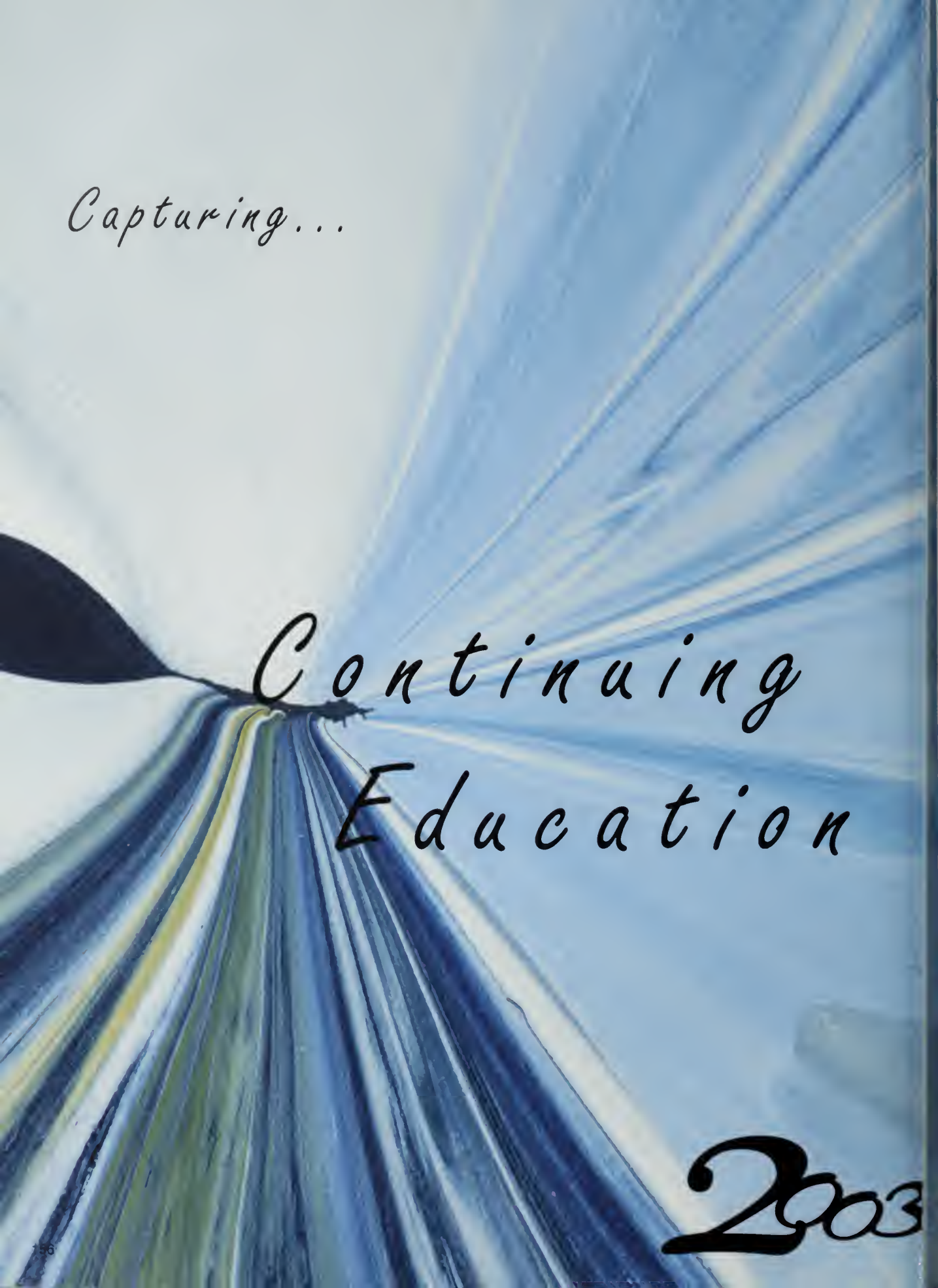








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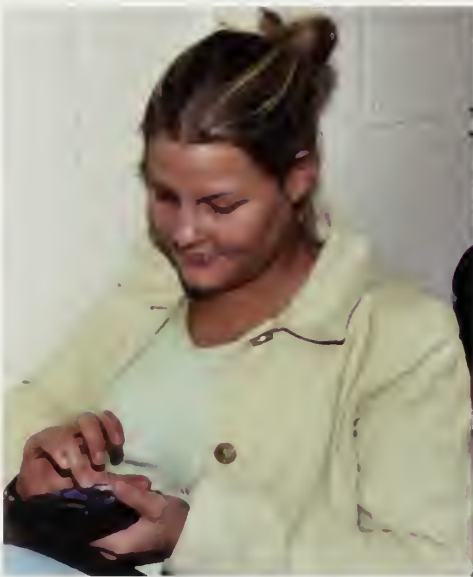
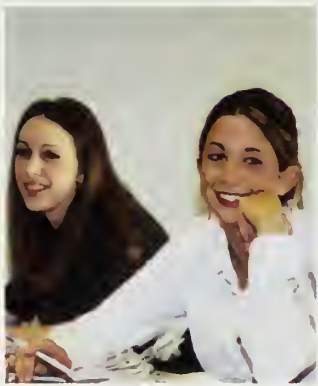
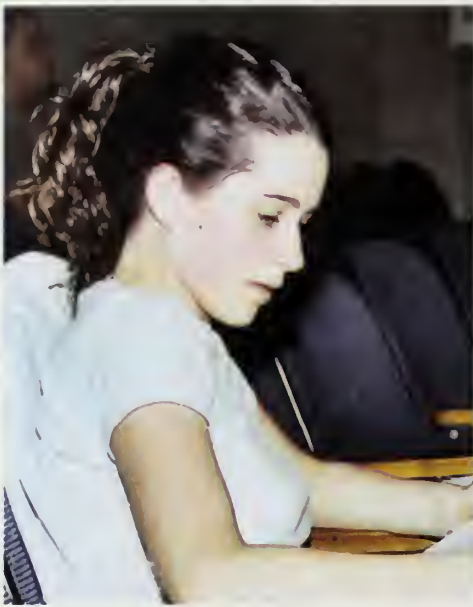
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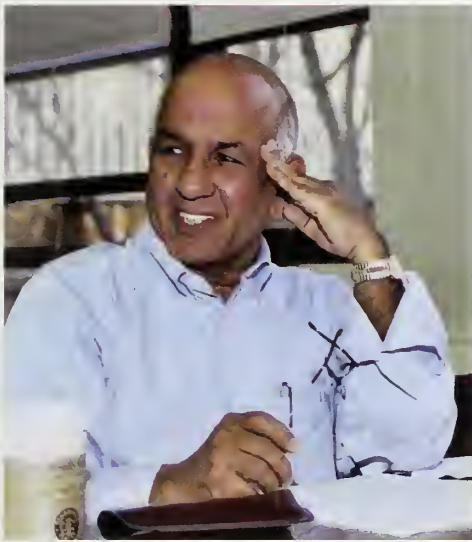
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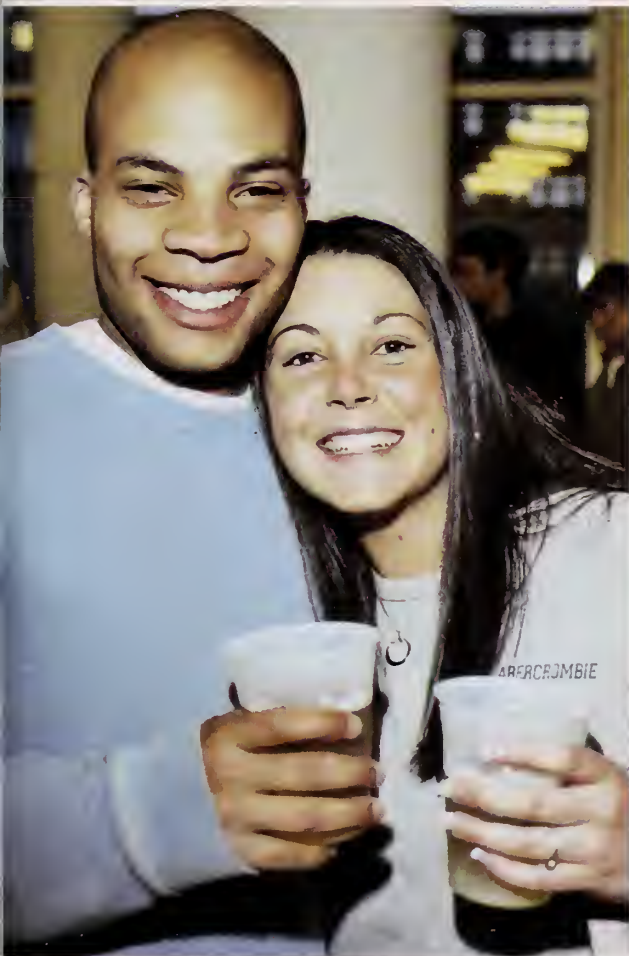









Junior/Senior BBQ









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Clubs & Organizations

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Theta Phi Alpha

Theta Phi Alpha was established as Merrimack College's first national sorority on September 18, 1993. Our sisters are tied together through our principles of Justice, Wisdom, Loyalty, Faith, Truth and Honor. We currently have twenty four active sisters on campus who are involved in a variety of other organizations such as Student Government, Class Government, Orientation Committee, L.E.A.D., On-Stagers, Concert Choir, Peer Educators, MPB, Merrimack Academic Partnership, and many others. We also participate in several other philanthropies in our community including the annual Walk for Breast Cancer, Habitat for Humanity, a rock-a-thon, the Cinderella Project, soup kitchens and Alternative Spring Break. Theta Phi Alpha has been Sorority of the Year from 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2001-2002.

We would like to wish all our sisters the best of luck in their futures! A special wish goes out to all the graduating seniors. You are all incredible women and we know you will succeed in everything that you do. We will miss you and you will always be in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.

"Once a Sister, Always a Sister"





L.E.A.D.

Leadership, Education and Development

April 30, 2003









TAU KAPPA EPSILON

**“We are not the best because we are the biggest,
We are the biggest because we are the best”**

The Brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon have experienced a great year at Merrimack College. With a new class of six members the Sigma Kappa Chapter has continued to develop its membership and preserve its traditions. TKE has also maintained its strong commitment to philanthropy with our traditional fundraiser TKE-in-a-box, the City Year Serve-a-thon, and numerous other individual projects by the Brothers. TKE also recently sponsored an educational seminar that gave basic First Aid instruction from real EMTs. This spring saw TKE named Fraternity of the Year for the seventh time.

TKE began on January 10, 1899 when five students set down the first set of regulations for the Knights of Classic Lore, a society whose avowed purpose was “to aid college men in mental, moral, and social development.” This society would eventually become Tau Kappa Epsilon international fraternity. TKE has grown to the status of largest international fraternity and includes prominent alumni such as Elvis Presley, Former President Ronald Reagan, and Terry Bradshaw to name a few. This summer, TKE will host Conclave, our biennial meeting of the Grand Chapter, in which Brothers from around the world will come together in Dallas Texas for fun, fellowship, and fraternity.

This year, Sigma Kappa Chapter says goodbye to six Fraters. Brothers Michael Creamer, Jeffrey Demers, Christopher Taylor, John Freimuth, Andrew Colella, and David Lemay will walk with this year’s graduating class. To each of these Brothers, You will be missed and always remembered. Good luck to all the Brothers in the upcoming year.

Christopher J. Taylor
Scooter SK #150







TIM O'LEARY
RISK MANAGER



ERIK GUNNING
SPRING FLEETMASTER



DR. JAMES LOOBY
MODERATOR



BRAD BAMBERY
SECRETARY



BRIAN CASEY
VICE PRESIDENT



WESLEY RICHMOND



JEFF BERGERON

Phi Kappa
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RYAN ANDERSON



JEFF SURETTE



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ALBERTO CANAS



CHRIS CRAFTS



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ANDREW RUGGLES



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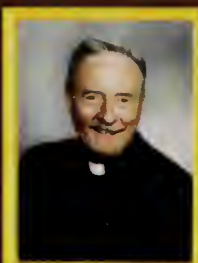
MICHAEL CONNOLLY
PRESIDENT



CHRISTOPHER LAIRD
TREASURER



JIM JOHNSON
SENSEANT AT ARMS



KEVIN DWYER
MODERATOR



DAVE GILPIN
FALL PLEDGEMASTER

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BRIAN VOCINO



GEORGE GILPIN



ROB MARINO



JOHN ALLARD



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PHI KAPPA THETA

Phi Kappa Theta has been active on the Merrimack College campus since 1962 and for 42 years has been a contributing member of the Merrimack community both as a locally and nationally recognized fraternity. The organization has strong roots in philanthropy and has continually held events to benefit both Merrimack College and the surrounding community most notably with the blood drive held every semester in conjunction with the American Red Cross. Phi Kappa Theta is an organization dedicated to community service and plans to continue to do so in the future. Many different events are held each year by our organization, both philanthropic and fundraising events. The organization is not only dedicated to community service, but also providing an outlet for positive student involvement and promoting Greek life.

FIGURE SKATING CLUB



The Figure Skating Club was started two years ago and has seen growing interest throughout the campus. The members of the Skating Club have grown throughout the years and practice three days a week. They hope to be competing in collegiate competitions in the near future.







"Not four years, but for life."
"seek the nobelest."



Zeta Tau Alpha has been involved in many things on campus and throughout the community. Every year, Zetas participate in the Stride for a Cure in Boston and raise money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha are involved in activities such as Orientation Committee, Model United Nations, Order of Omega, Panhellenic Council, Peer Health Educators, President's Ambassadors, Field Hockey, On-Stagers, Student Government Association, College Wide Counsel, Library Advisory Committee, College Democrats, Cheerleading Team, Presidential Scholars, Cooperative Education program, American Society of Civil Engineering, Environmental Protection Agency, Italian Club, Merrimack Program Board, American Marketing Association, Writing Center, Black Box, Merrimack Academic Partnership Program, Brothers and Sisters United, Dance Team, Figure Skating Club, and many, many others!



"Life is more fun when you share it with a sister."

Only the chosen can wear the crown



"From the outside looking in you could never understand it, from the inside looking out you could never explain it"



FRIENDS COALITION



The Friends Coalition is Merrimack's alliance for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students, as well as their straight allies. Winners of the L.E.A.D. "Best Collaborative Effort" Award for 2002 Awareness Week (themed "Coming Out...Coming Together"), as well as "Best Float" and "Best Banner" for the 2002 Homecoming Weekend, the group works hard to promote understanding and equality on campus. In April 2002, the Friends were proud to bring Magdalen Hsu-Li, an Asian, lesbian, musician, feminist, and activist to perform. Also available to students were our popular "movie nights", featuring films such as Hedwig and the Angry Itch (the transsexual rock phenomenon), Some Like It Hot (with Marilyn Monroe), and The Rocky Horror Picture Show ("don't dream it, be it"). Spring 2003 will bring our Fourth Annual Awareness Week, this year's theme being "Gender Revolution". Led by Adam Capalbo (President), Helen Carpenter, Malachi Bailey, Chris Taylor, and Pam Zurakowski (clockwise from top), the Friends have made a lot of progress on campus that hopefully will continue for years to come.



Gay Positive T-Shirts



262 Ornaments,
each with a
transgender victim of
violence.



Awareness Week Display



Winner "Best Float"



Magdalen Hsu-Li

IL CIRCOLO ITALIANO



The purpose of il Circolo Italiano (Italian club) is to expose students to various aspects of the Italian culture. Through service projects, programs, and events, il Circolo Italiano helps students to meet one another and work together on campus. All students are welcome to participate within the club as active members as we have tripled our membership total. This year we hosted 600 people at Joey and Maria's Italian Wedding in the Sakowich Campus Center. Also, we worked with students from first to eighth grade who attended the Adelante program in Lawrence. Along with these on campus projects, il Circolo Italiano went into Boston to the Italian Consulate to look at how to become an Italian citizen. While in Boston, we ate dinner in the North End and enjoyed a comedic performance at Improv Asylum. These projects were possible because of the Student Government Association and fundraisers we held throughout the year. The important thing was, we all worked together. Il Circolo Italiano would like to congratulate the Class of 2003 and wishes them the best for the future!!

Congratulations Class of 2003



President: Michael Joy '04
Vice President: Kelly Guigno '04
Secretary: Karen Miranda '04
Treasurer: Thomas Cobb '06
Public Relations: Maureen
Sharkey '04

THETA DELTA CHI

The brothers of Theta Delta Chi have been quite active with the community at large and the school community. We have been active participants with the March of Dimes and the Walk for Diabetes. We have also held numerous raffles and fundraisers and helped to open the lines of communication between the student body and Greek Life in general on campus. Also, the brothers would like to extend a farewell to our seniors - Rich Mathews, Chris Pesce, Jake Ross and Kyle Wescott. While active undergraduates, they have displayed exceptional leadership and guidance within our Fraternity and have become the example of what it means to be an ideal brother. They will be truly missed but always in our hearts.





CLASS COUNCIL 2006

Class Council '06 - (from left) Bottom Row: Becca Kolifrath, Amanda Reyher Top Row: Jennifer Carrien, Cristina Meola, Joshua Blaszak, Erin Hynes



We have centered our council around building class unity. We have had two major events so far. Java Jam termed the most successful freshman program to date. With over 150 students in attendance! We did a stress relieving program during finals. "Make Your Own Stress Ball" took place in Deegan West, as well as, in Ash. We have been working with both the Councils of '05 and '04 as well as Merrimack Program Board. We planned an event for a trip to Boston with '05, but unfortunately weather circumstances prevented the actual happening of this event. We presently sent in a design for t-shirts which we will sell in fundraising. We are also planning a 2nd trip to Boston scheduled for March 22nd. We then look forward to Spring Weekend '03!

President: Amanda Reyher
Vice President: Kerri Tenaglia
Treasurer: Cristina Meola
Secretary: Joshua Blaszak
Representatives: Rebecca Kolifrath, Jennifer Carrien, Erin Hynes
Advisors: Michael Durkin and Jeff Demers

"Java Jam": Coffeehouse type social building event occurred the Thursday before Thanksgiving recess. We transformed the Fireplace Lounge into a coffeehouse. Many students from our class came out with their talents-singing and playing the guitar. It was a great "get to know" experience. We had a variety of coffees, hot cocoas and teas. We ate cookies, muffins, and other various desserts donated by Panera Bread and Starbucks.



CLASS COUNCIL 2005

The Class Council of 2005 was reborn this year with an infusion of new life. Thomas Hankard was elected President, moving up from Vice President. Renee Botticelli became Vice President. Micahel LeManager was voted Treasurer and Secretary Anna Sabella rounds out the Executive Board of the council. Brent McGrath returned for a second year as a representative joined by Kristen Belcastro and Gabrielle Strahl.

The council's first event, a trip to Boston during Christmas time was dashed by almost a foot of fresh powder; the winter would turn out to be a rough one. The main fundraiser for the year was a sale of blue and grey "Merrimack '05" t-shirts. The sophomores tried a Boston trip again and succeeded in going to see the Improv Asylum perform in the North End. The class celebrated spring with a Cascia Hall/Sakowich Center Patio party complete with food, fun, and games. Spring Weekend festivities ended the year with a dunk tank with proceeds going to Lazarus House Ministries in Lawrence.

The fun isn't over yet, the best is yet to come for the Class of 2005!



CLASS COUNCIL 2003

Since elected by our peers, we as a council worked hard to bring the class of 2003 together. Our immediate goals were to establish a new sense of community within the class and to host events which brought everyone together in ways they might not have done before or expected. From those nights out, new friendships were made and old ones renewed.

There are many people who helped us along the way that we would like to thank. First, we would very much like to thank our tireless and extremely dedicated faculty advisor Professor Mary McHugh. Her dedication and experience provided us with support and stability. In addition, we would like to thank all the great administrators that granted us their time and resources to put forth the best effort that we could. Finally, we would like to thank all the members of the Class of 2003 for buying into our intentions and programs in the last years before we graduated together.

It is our hope that with the many challenges the “real world” will bring, that we look upon each other for strength and confidence. Although we might not know it now, the friendships and the time spent at Merrimack will always be a time to look back on and build upon.

President-Carl VanNote

Vice President-Matt McAuliffe

Treasurer-Melissa Decarvalho

Secretary-Kim Potvin

Representatives-Bria Suprenant, Jess Whitney, Meg McDonough

Advisor-Prof. Mary McHugh

CONCERT CHOIR



The Merrimack College Concert Choir was founded in 1996. Since then the concert choir has stayed strong, being a popular club on campus. The Concert Choir is lead by Director Joe Gory, accompanist John Zannini, Advisor Josie Thomas and the 2002-2003 Executive Board. President: Courtney MacKinnon, Vice President: Amy Zediana, Secretary: Holly Pharris, Treasurer: Christina Doucette, Music Chair: Lizz Bernazzani, Steph Schmitt, and Tour Managers: Kyle Wescott and Alicia Robinson. Each year the Merrimack College Concert Choir holds to Concerts in the Winter and Fall and also is active on campus, taking part in Convocation, The Alumni Social, Baccalaureate, and Commencement. This year seniors President Courtney MacKinnon and Vice President Amy Zediana sang the National Anthem and Merrimack Anthem at their Commencement on May 18, 2003. The Concert Choir is pleased with the events this year and is looking forward to another great year in the fall!!

BROTHERS AND SISTERS UNITED



President: Rodney Nolberto
Vice President: Marta Maldonado
Secretary: Kaisa Clark
Treasurer: Yaritza Avila
Advisor: Graeme Griffith

Picture: Front Row (L-R): Claridania Garcia, Yartiza Avila, Doan Cao, Kaisa Clark, Minh Luu, Marilenin Vasquez, Martha Nunez. Top Row (L-R): Marta Maldonado, Ginga Valentim and Rodney Nolberto

Members not Present: Vito Valentim, Rob Berlan, Jackso Garcia, Roberto German, Troy Lazaro, Dung Tran, Trun Tran, Joan Mejia, Euclides Pichardo and Scott Gage

MERRIMACK PROGRAM BOARD



MPB is a group of very hard-working students that provide various programming events throughout the year. Their goal is to bring fun and fresh events to the students. The E-Board meets once a week and the general member meetings are once a month, anyone is welcome!

Some of the programming they sponsored this year includes Welcome Week, Homecoming Weekend, the Guster Concert, various comedians, coffeehouse performers, Cram Jam and Spring Weekend.

MPB's Fearless Leaders

President-Sue Goldberg
Vice President: Kayla Geiger
Secretary: Jennie Moore
Treasurer: Elizabeth Elliott
Special Events: Erin Dieckman
Major Weekends: Mike Lemenager
Movies: Scott Gibbs
Publicity: Samantha Porretto
Advisor: Alicia Dunphy and Rebecca Pratte



MERRIMACK ON-STAGERS

The On-Stagers is Merrimack College's only dramatic society. The club is comprised of very talented student, each with their own assets to bring to the group. The On-Stagers are always welcoming new talent in any area.

This has been an extraordinary year for the On-Stagers. They normally do a straight play in the fall and musical in the spring. For these performances an outside director is hired. This year they added a third show that opened in February. This play was completely student run and directed. Three shows in one year is quite a feat for this organization and they pulled it off with style!

The Leading Ladies & Gent

President: Kyle Wescott

Vice President: Kayla Geiger

Secretary: Alicia Robinson

Treasurer: Jennie Moore

Member At Large: Annemarie Donegan

Alumni Coordinator: Christina Doucette

Publicity: Courtney MacKinnon

Advisor: Kathleen Sills



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

For the SGA, the year began by saying goodbye to some very important members of the organization. We were forced to do the inevitable...say farewell to the seniors. The 2002 Executive Board came to an end with the exit of Tracy Cole, our President, whose ability to be realistic, practical and productive will be greatly missed. We also say goodbye to our Secretary Kelly Butterworth, whose positive attitude and organization played a crucial role in the association even though she spent half of her term studying in Galway. The other senior members will be missed and we thank you for your service to our organization and especially the laughter that you brought with you every week.

We would also like to thank all of our continuing members who serve the Merrimack Community, especially the students, in a way that will never be forgotten. Some of the things that the organization worked on during the year were the campus climate, the wonderful parking situation on campus, increasing programs for students, and also many other issues that arose throughout the year. Among the other main issues that the SGA worked on was the ability to get our name out and open the lines of communication throughout all the areas of Merrimack College.

We would also like to thank our Advisor, Maryellen Colliton, whose countless hours of help and constant support enabled SGA to be as efficient and effective as possible. She is a true asset to the organization as well as a friend that will never be forgotten. Once again, we thank you!

We are now looking forward to a new semester next year. Some of our upcoming plans are trying to make the student voices heard and then taking actions on these concerns. One of our main goals is to reevaluate the student handbook as well as the judicial system to better serve the student body. We look forward to further developing the sense of community on campus and we cannot do that without the help of the students, staff and administration.

~The Members of the Student Government Association

2002 Members

President: Tracey Cole
Vice President: Sean O'Grady
Secretary: Kelly Butterworth
Treasurer: Greg Carnrick
Member at Large: Andy Murray
Senior Members: Johanna Kinkaid,
Bill Scaggs, Linday Maxwell, Shannon
Britsch, Courtney Frangioso

2003 Members

President: Sean O'Grady
Vice President: Andy Murray
Secretary: Mike Danner
Treasurer: Carolynne Downes
Member at Large: Alyssa Small

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Sports

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WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY



Date	Meet	Results
9/7	Tufts Invite	6th out of 8
9/14	Shacklette Invitational	6th out of 10
9/28	Codfish Bowl Invitational	7th out of 13
10/11	New England Championships	38th out of 42
10/28	NE-10 Championships	8th out of 12
11/9	NCAA East Regional	12th out of 17









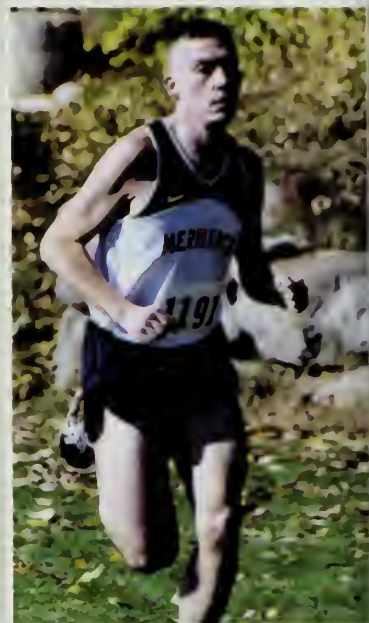
MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

Date	Meet	Result
9/7	Tufts Invite	3rd out of 9
10/14	Shacklette Invitational	2nd out of 10
10/28	Codfish Bowl Invitational	3rd out of 17
11/11	New England Championships	19 out of 30
11/28	NE-10 Championships	5th out of 13
12/1/9	NCAA East Regional	5th out of 15









FIELD HOCKEY





Field Hockey



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LIU C.W. Post
Bentley
UMass Lowell
American International
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Franklin Pierce
Bryant
Saint Joseph's
Assumption
at Saint Michael's
at Mansfield
at Indiana Univ. (PA)
at Saint Anselm

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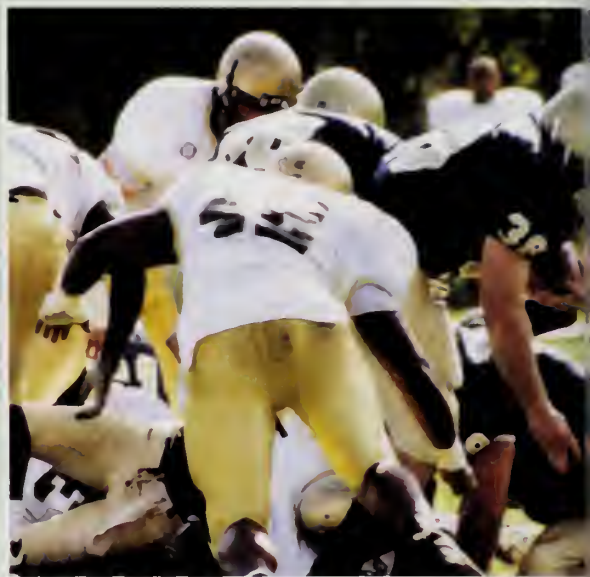
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FOOTBALL





Football



Merrimack	Opponent	Score
6	Bentley College*	16
28	at Assumption*	7
17	at Stonehill College*	14
18	American International*	8
3	at Southern Connecticut*	17
6	LIU/C. Post	34
7	at Saint Anselm	21
28	at UMass Lowell*	14
24	Pace University*	7
20	Bryant College*	14



*Denotes Conference Game



WOMEN'S SOCCER

Merrimack	Opponent	Score
1	C.W. Post	2
1	Adelphi	2
1	Pace*	0
5	Saint Rose*	3
5	at Southern New Hampshire*	2
2	Southern Connecticut*	3
3	at UMass Lowell*	0
3	at Saint Anselm*	1
2	Assumption*	1
2	Stonehill*	1
1	at Franklin Pierce*	1
3	at Southampton	2
1	at Saint Michael's*	2
1	at American International*	0
1	Bentley*	3
3	at Bryant*	1
9	at Teikyo Post	0
5	Le Moyne*	0
2	Assumption#	0
2	Saint Rose#	1
1	Franklin Pierce#	2
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1	Franklin Pierce!	2

*Northeast-10 Match

#Northeast-10 Tournament

!NCAA Tournament









MEN'S SOCCER





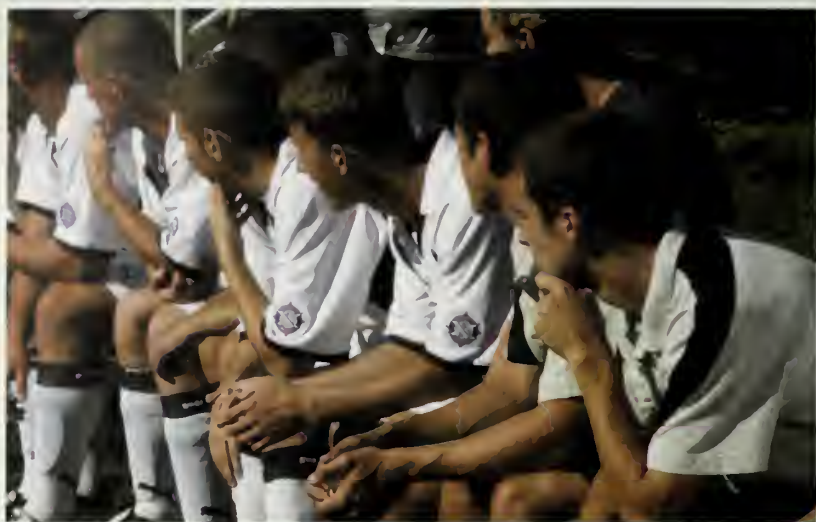
Soccer



Merrimack	Opponent	Score
0	Green Mountain	1
0	LIU Southampton	0
5	at Dominican	4
1	Concordia	0
2	St. Rose	0
2	At ALC*	1
2	Saint Anselm*	1
2	at Stonehill*	0
3	at St. Michael's*	2
2	Bryant*	1
4	Teikyo Post	1
1	Le Moyne*	0
1	SNHU*	3
0	at Bentley*	1
0	at Franklin Pierce*	0
2	Assumption*	1
2	at UMass Lowell*	1
0	at SCSU*	1
1	Franklin Pierce†	3

*NE-10 Conference Game

†NE-10 Conference Championship Quarterfinal



WOMEN'S TENNIS





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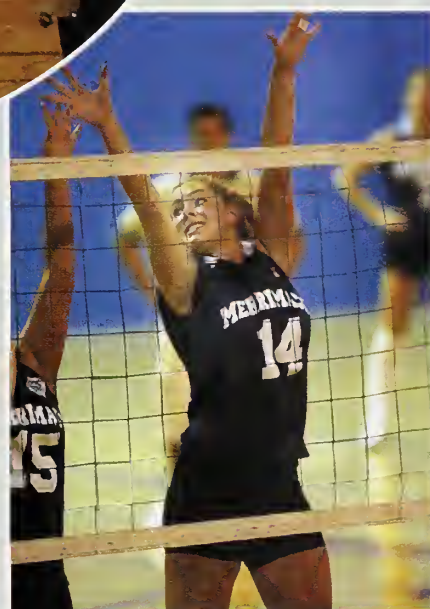
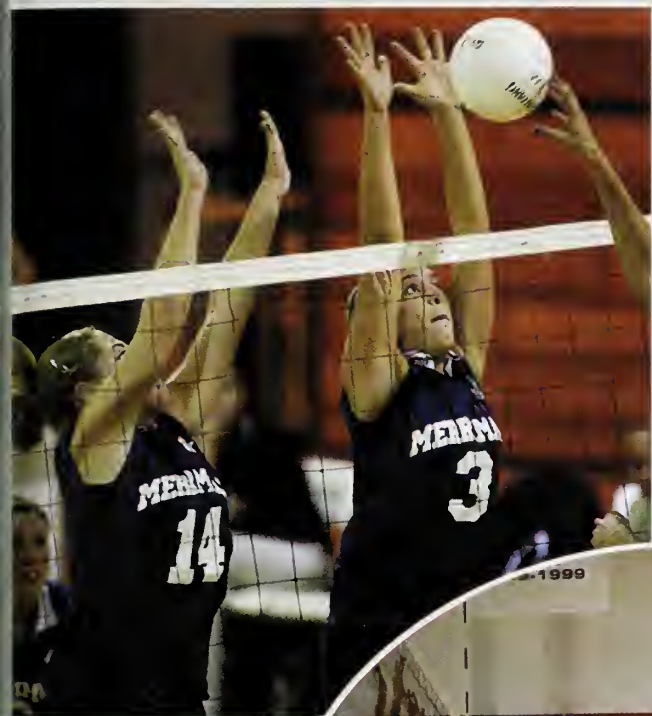
Merrimack	Opponent	Score
1	at Holly Cross	8
9	at UMass Lowell*	0
6	Saint Michael's	3
7	Saint Anselm	2
9	Franklin Pierce	0
9	Assumption	0
9	Southern New Hampshire	0
8	Pace	1
4	Bentley	5
9	Le Moyne	0
6	Stonehill	3
6	Bryant	3
9	American International	0
5	Bentley+	4
5	Stonehill+	4

*Northeast-10 Match

+Northeast-10 Tournament



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL





Volleyball

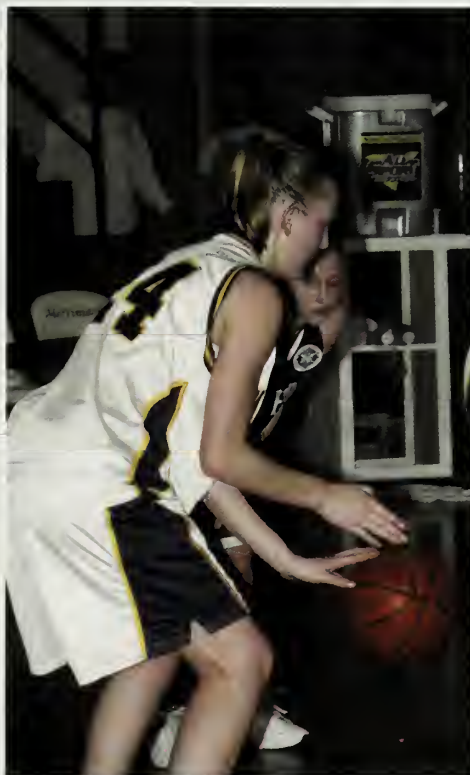


Merrimack	Opponent	Score
2	at American International*	3
3	Southern New Hampshire*	1
0	Incarnate Word	3
0	at Saint Edwards	3
1	Southern Arkansas	3
0	Concordia College	3
1	UMass Lowell*	3
3	Mercy College	1
1	Puerto Rico	3
0	Queens College	3
3	at Assumption*	1
1	at Lock Haven	3
1	Mercy College	3
1	Catawba	3
3	Stonehill College*	0
3	Franklin Pierce*	1
3	at Molloy	0
3	at New Jersey Tech.	0
3	at Adelphi College	2
0	at Bryant*	3
3	at Southern Connecticut*	0
2	at Pace University*	3
3	Saint Anselm*	0
3	at Saint Anselm	0
3	at Thomas Aquinas	0
3	at Saint Michael's*	1
1	at Bentley*	3
3	at Le Moyne*	2
3	at Saint Rose*	1
0	Pace University	3

*Denotes Conference Game



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL





MERRIMACK COLLEGE

NORTHEAST-10 CONFERENCE

NORTHEAST-10 CONFERENCE



BASKETBALL



Merrimack	Opponent	Score
80	vs. Le Moyne#	59
76	vs. Nyack College#	57
60	Assumption College*	44
70	at Stonehill College*	55
68	Southern New Hampshire*	58
71	at Franklin Pierce College*	41
71	Bentley College*	59
55	at West Chester University	53
70	at American International*	63
66	vs. Rollins	60
60	at Lynn University	52
72	Le Moyne College*	60
78	at Saint Michael's College*	79
55	at Saint Anselm*	51
59	at Southern Connecticut*	71
66	College of Saint Rose*	47
66	Pace University*	39
79	Stonehill College*	72
66	UMass Lowell*	75
65	at Bentley College*	76
72	at Southern New Hampshire*	62
59	UMass-Lowell*	68
65	Franklin Pierce College*	81
76	at Pace University*	55
78	at Saint Rose*	43
65	Southern Connecticut State*	53
68	Bryant College*	55
54	Southern Connecticut StateS	68
88	vs. Dowling College	73
43	at Bentley College	71

Dan Buckley Ford tournament in Nyack, NY

*Northeast-10 Conference Tournament

S New Year's Classic in Boca Raton, FL

* NCAA Tournament Northeast Regional Quarterfinals

S NCAA Tournament Northeast Regional Semifinals



MEN'S BASKETBALL





BASKETBALL



Merrimack	Opponent	Score
53	vs. Lynn University	69
73	vs. Adelphi University	65
63	Assumption College*	70
68	at UMass Lowell*	84
74	Southern New Hampshire*	78
65	at Franklin Pierce College*	74
62	at Stonehill College*	61
75	at American International*	72
64	vs. Southern New Hampshire	78
98	vs. Wilmington	80
89	Felician College	79
59	Bentley College*	75
75	Le Moyne College*	74
90	at Saint Michael's College*	100
76	at Saint Anslem*	100
65	at Southern Conn. State*	79
89	College of Saint Rose*	85
74	Pace University*	80
60	Stonehill College*	55
71	at Bentley College*	75
48	at Southern New Hampshire*	73
75	UMass Lowell*	107
68	Franklin Pierce College	59
74	at Pace*	83
91	at Saint Rose*	98
83	Southern Connecticut State*	74
65	Bryant College*	76
74	at Le Moyne	85

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HOCKEY



Merrimack	Opponent	Score
4	Union College	4
1	at Michigan	4
1	at Michigan	5
5	Boston University*	3
3	at New Hampshire*	4
4	Dartmouth College	3
0	Boston College*	7
1	at Boston University*	2
2	at Providence*	2
4	Providence*	1
3	at Nebraska-Omaha	3
3	at Nebraska-Omaha	5
2	Providence*	1
1	at Northeastern*	0
2	at Rensselaer	1
4	vs. Wayne State	1
3	at New Hampshire*	8
5	at UMass Lowell*	6
3	at UMass*	4
4	UMass*	3
5	University of Maine*	5
1	University of Maine*	2
6	Holy Cross	3
3	Brown University	1
0	at Boston University*	5
1	UMass Lowell*	1
3	Northeastern*	1
2	at Maine*	4
2	at Boston College*	3
6	Boston College*	1
1	New Hampshire	6
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1	at Northeastern*	4
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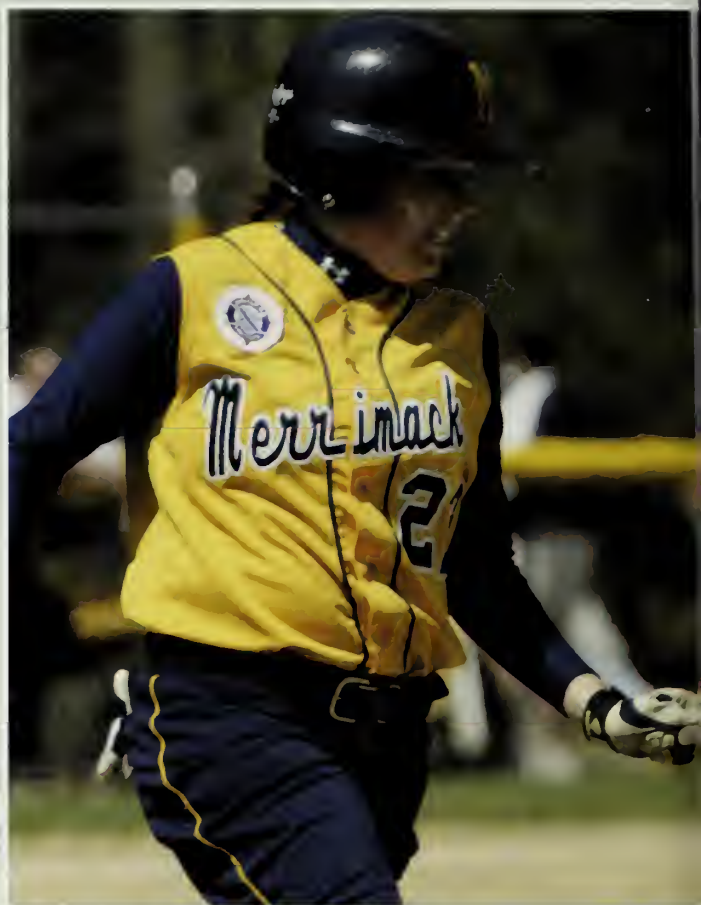
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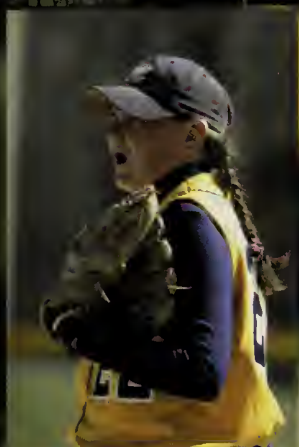


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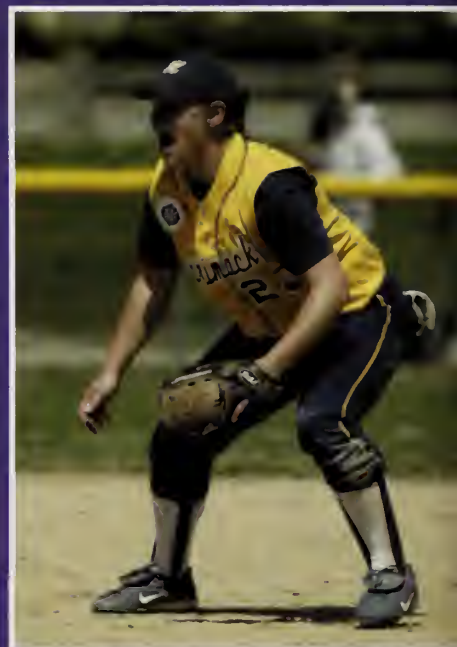
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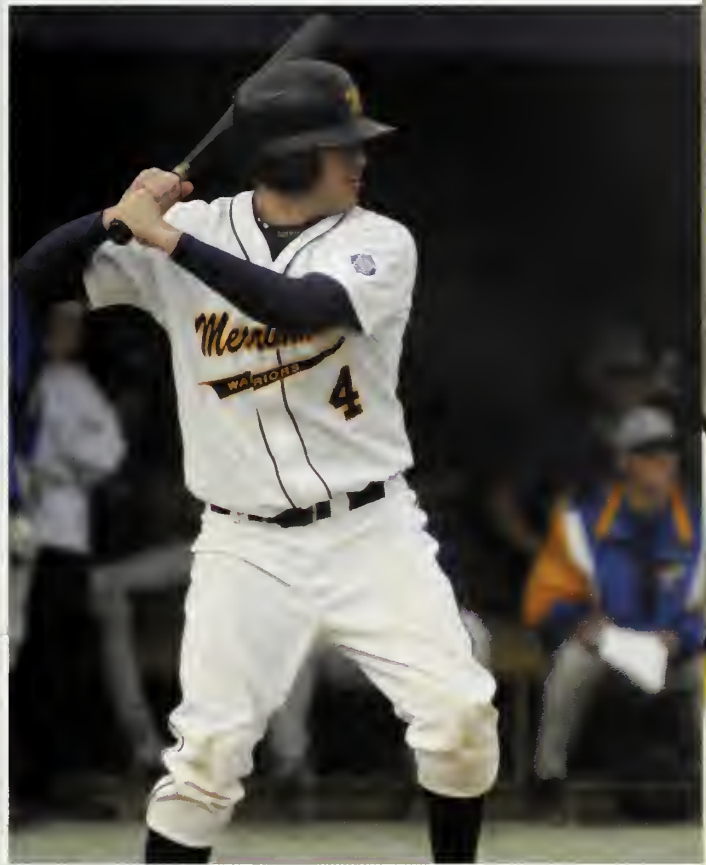
Merrimack	Opponent	Score
1	Northern Kentucky	3
0	Minnesota State	6
4	St. Joseph's	3
2	Northern Kentucky	0
4	Central Missouri	5
3	Southwest State	0
5	Lock Haven	6
3	Tiffin	0
5	Truman State	4
0	at Adelphi	1
5	at Adelphi	4
1	Saint Anselm*	0
2	Saint Anselm*	1
1	Pace*	0
7	Franklin Pierce*	5
4	Franklin Pierce*	0
3	at Bryant*	0
3	at Bryant*	2
4	at So. New Hampshire*	5
6	at So. New Hampshire*	0
0	at Bentley College*	2
3	at Bentley College*	4
1	at American Int'l.*	2
4	at American Int'l.*	8
9	St. Michael's*	1
2	St. Michael's*	3
7	Pace*	2
9	at Assumption*	2
3	at Assumption*	4
2	UMass Lowell*	1
4	UMass Lowell*	3
0	at Le Moyne*	2
0	at Le Moyne*	11
6	Stonehill College*	4
6	Stonehill College*	2
2	SCSU*	0
5	SCSU*	0
0	Pace†	1
3	Saint Anselm†	5

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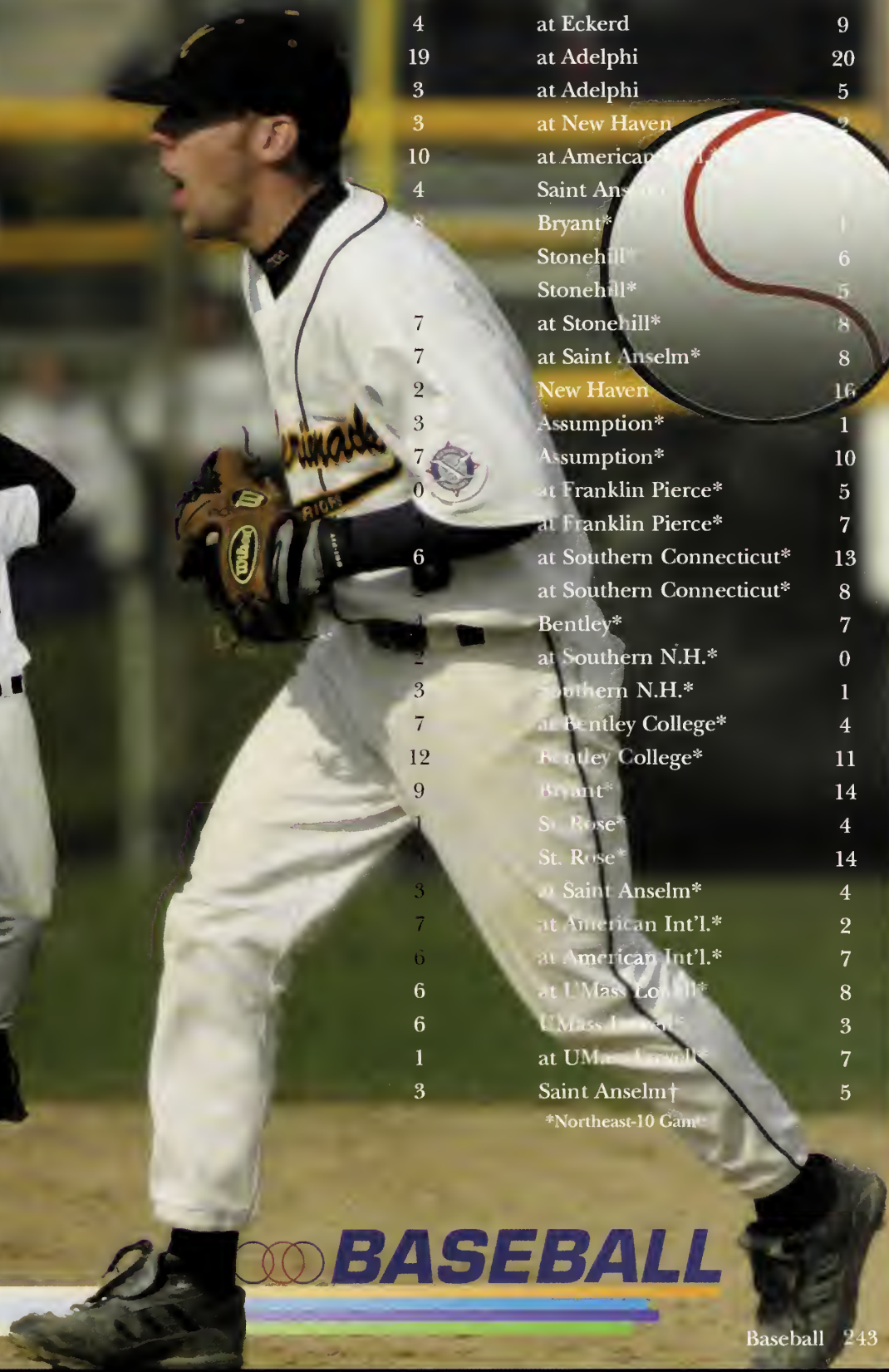
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BASEBALL







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Opponent	Score
Dowling	11
at Saint Leo	18
at Eckerd	8
at Tampa	12
at Tampa	15
at Saint Leo	16
at Eckerd	9
at Adelphi	20
at Adelphi	5
at New Haven	2
at American Int'l.	7
Saint Anselm	8
Bryant*	1
Stonehill*	6
Stonehill*	5
at Stonehill*	8
at Saint Anselm*	8
New Haven	16
Assumption*	1
Assumption*	10
at Franklin Pierce*	5
at Franklin Pierce*	7
at Southern Connecticut*	13
at Southern Connecticut*	8
Bentley*	7
at Southern N.H.*	0
Southern N.H.*	1
at Bentley College*	4
Bentley College*	11
Bryant*	14
St. Rose*	4
St. Rose*	14
at Saint Anselm*	4
at American Int'l.*	2
at American Int'l.*	7
at UMass Lowell*	8
UMass Lowell*	3
at UMass Lowell*	7
Saint Anselm†	5

*Northeast-10 Game

 **BASEBALL**



WOMEN'S LACROSSE



Merrimack

Opponent

Score

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at Adelphi

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at Bentley

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at Univ. of New England

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Franklin Pierce*

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at Bryant*

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at Bentley*

12

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at LIU/CW Post

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at Assumption*

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Southern Connecticut

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at New Haven

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Stonehill

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at Saint Anselm

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American International

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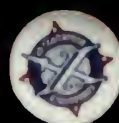
Saint Michael's

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*Northeast-10 Conference Game



LaCrosse



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MEN'S LACROSSE





Lacrosse

Merrimack	Opponent	Score
5	at LIU Southampton	18
6	at NY Tech	22
1	Le Moyne at MIT*	22
24	Franklin Pierce*	6
5	at Bentley*	11
6	at Bryant*	21
7	at Saint Michael's*	13
15	at American International	4
10	at Saint Anselm	14
6	Pace at West Point	29
11	Assumption	6
7	Southern New Hampshire	14

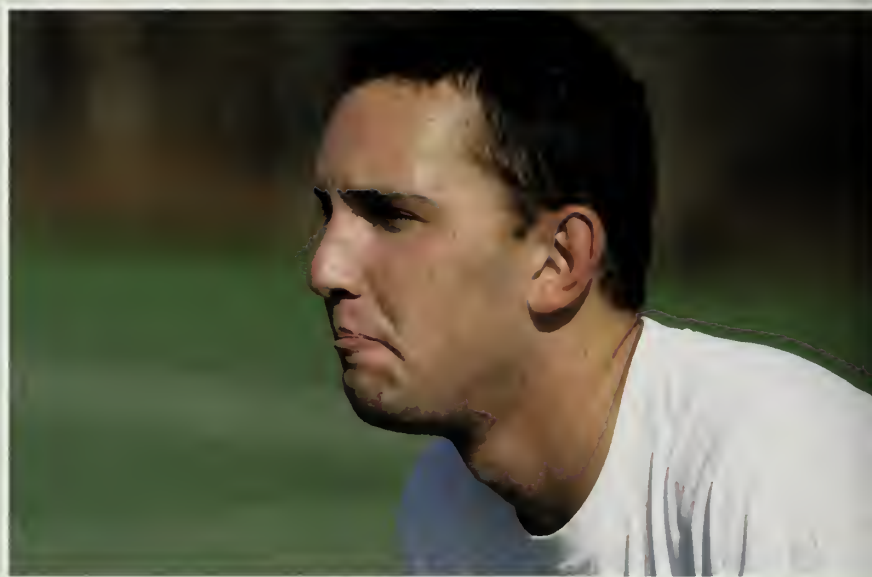
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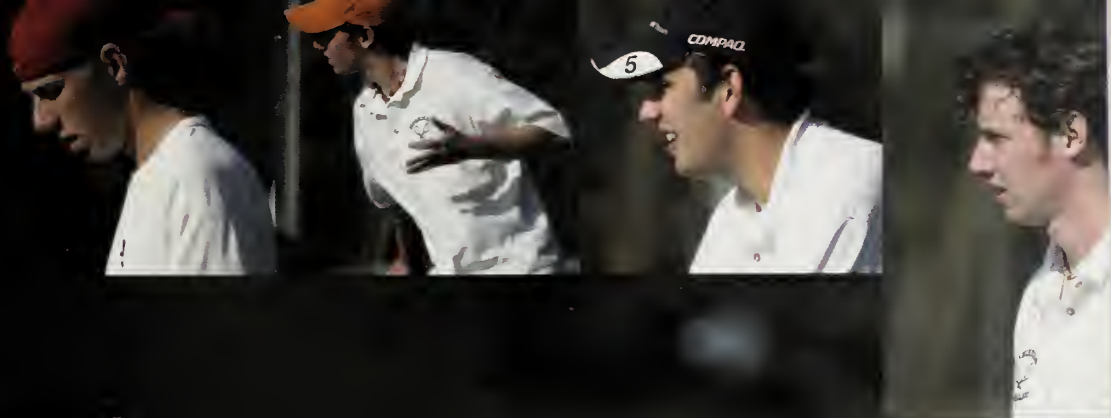




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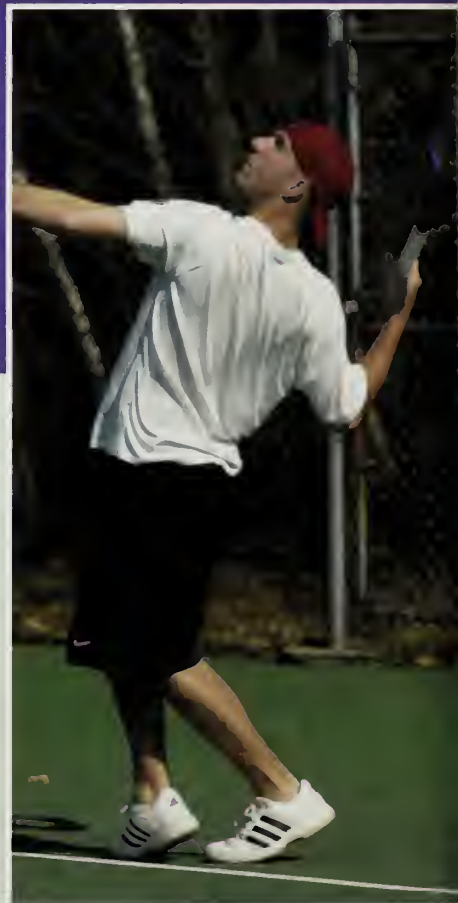




Merrimack	Opponent	Score
0	at Bentley*	9
1	Stonehill*	8
9	Southern New Hampshire*	0
5	at American International*	1
1	Franklin Pierce*	8
0	at Assumption	9
2	at Bryant	9
8	Saint Michael's	1
4	at Pace	5
4	Saint Anselm	5
2	Le Moyne	6
*Northeast-10 Match		




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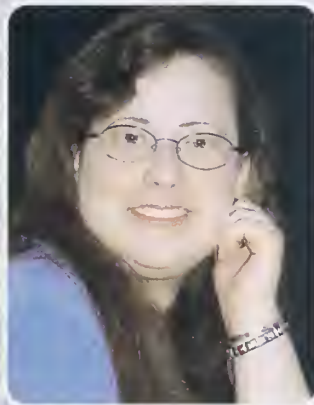
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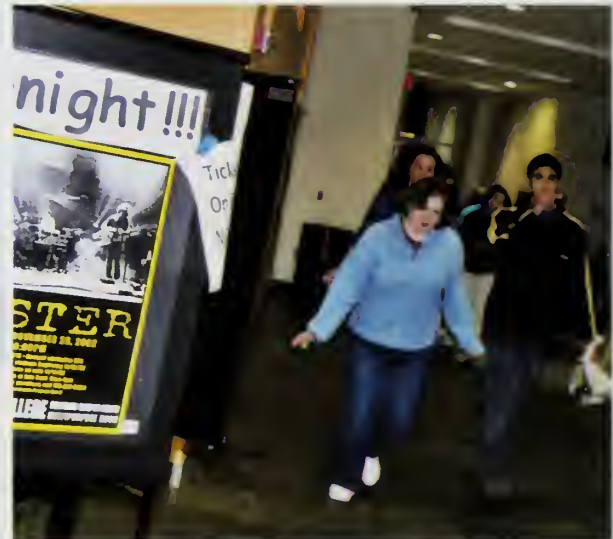
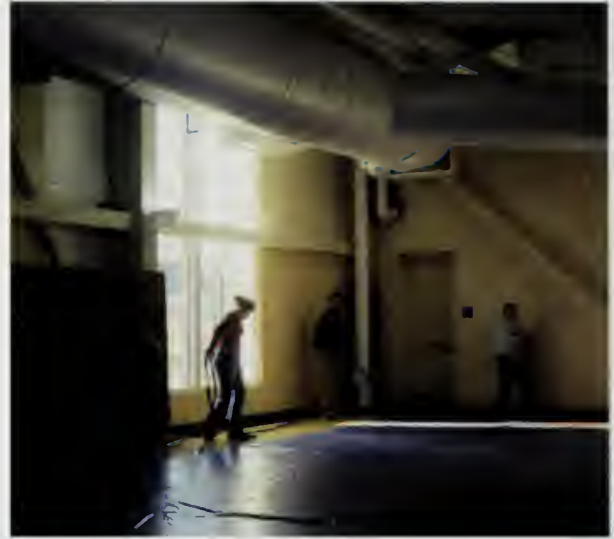




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Guster Concert





Connections

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Rock Concert to Benefit R.I. Fire Victims Families

by Marie DeMarco

People won't soon forget the tragic fire at *The Station* nightclub in West Warwick, Rhode Island where 99 lives were lost and others were changed forever when the rock group Great White performed last February. Because victims and many families are still in need of support and medical care, Merrimack College junior Alexander Chute of Lawrence, Mass. has organized a benefit rock concert to raise funds and to show that people care.

A math major and computer science minor, Chute works as a sound engineer in the music/club business. He will bring together nine local rock bands on Friday, April 4 at the Sakowich Campus Center. Proceeds will go to the Station Nightclub Fire Relief Fund c/o United Way of Rhode Island.

The nine bands who will perform at "Rock for a Cause" include: *Mappari; Labb; Decadence; Missing Joe; The Mobius Band; Chauncey; Drop Out; Averi* and *No Ones Kind*. The bands are all donating their time and talent to the benefit concert.

Up-and-coming rock band *Chauncey*, who recently won Best Rock Album from *Boston Magazine*, is coming out with their major label debut this year. *Boston Rocks* rock club in Faneuil Hall was a recent venue for *Drop Out*, while *Missing Joe* recently performed in Shanghai, China.

The benefit concert will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday, April 4. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased at the Sakowich Campus Center, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets can be ordered using Visa, Mastercard or Discover by calling hotline number 978-837-5388. Prices are \$15 for non-Merrimack students pre-show and \$20 at the door (cash only). Merrimack College student tickets are \$5.

Women's Basketball a Season of "Firsts"



It seems only fitting that in the 30th anniversary season of Merrimack women's basketball, this year's team would have a season of "firsts" and "bests." The team achieved its first 20-win season, its first national ranking, its first NCAA Division II Tournament appearance, and its first 6-0 start. The Warriors finished their regular season with 20 wins (20-7 overall), finishing fourth in the NE-10 - the highest-ever finish for Merrimack. The win also

meant a home playoff game in the NE-10 quarterfinals, another first. On January 8, the team received word that it was ranked in the top 25 in the country.

Junior Christina Siragusa became the best three-point shooter in school history by setting the single (58) season and career three-point (136) records. Freshman Joelle Martin had the best freshman season in program history by setting the school's freshman scoring record.

Merrimack head coach Ann McInerney credits her players' work ethic for their winning season record. "It's a great milestone and it's directly related to the kids working hard in the off-season and during the season. They have great determination to being the best team they can be."



After heavy snowfall, a front-end loader clears Ash parking lot.

Merrimack's Big Dig

The melodies of "Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow" resounded before and during the holidays at Merrimack. But after two winter storms the first week of January, many on campus are singing a different tune.

After ten consecutive days of snow in January, employees of Physical Plant have been working overtime since Christmas Day. According to Director of Physical Plant Bob Coppola, as of January 10, he and his crew have used 1,800 gallons of gasoline and diesel oil, have moved an excess of 300 truckloads of snow, have put down 120 yards of salt/sand mix and have spread five tons of ice melt.

Says Coppola, "Our crew has been working 16-hour shifts non-stop since the Christmas Day storm to help clear the campus and keep it safe for everyone. We have six to seven men who come in at 4 a.m. every day and another shift stays until 8 p.m. cleaning up roadways and parking areas. In addition, we brought in a front-end loader last weekend and performed 24 hours of snow removal."

Average snowfall in the Merrimack Valley this time of year is 20 inches. With over 25 inches of

snowfall in January alone, the total accumulation stands at a whopping 50 inches this winter. Right about now, May flowers sound nice!

The World Comes to Merrimack

From the aromatic flavors of Indian cuisine and the melodies of the Queliz Family Singers' Dominican music to the thought-provoking International Experiences Panel and trance-inducing rhythms of Wole Alade's Nigerian drumming, Merrimack's International Education Week (November 18-22) opened the eyes, ears and minds of the college community. Many facets of the international perspective were addressed, and the week provided an important venue for the college to embrace and experience other cultures.

Says Assistant Professor of Religious Studies Rebecca Norris, who organized the "Flavors of India" program, "Interacting with other religions and cultures helps us to understand that there is no one 'right' way to see the world. It enables us to be more flexible in our view of the world and helps us learn to listen to others more deeply. Our embodied experience of ourselves in the world, in other words—our identity, is formed by culture, and it is essential in today's pluralistic society to understand that people differ not only in what they think about the world, but in how they experience it. This gives an appreciation that can only come through direct impressions of other cultures."

According to Coordinator of Cultural Awareness Graeme Griffith, the value of a program such as International Education Week (IEW) is to offer students an opportunity to explore the complex dynamics of race, nationality, religion, gender, and identity.

"Our responsibility, as faculty and staff at Merrimack, must include enhancing our students' awareness of the larger world beyond Rte. 114. We must challenge them to explore concepts

in transformative learning and critical pedagogy as a means of appreciating other world views and cultural practices."

The fact that so many people contributed to this year's event — Office of Study Abroad, Office of Cultural Diversity, Co-op Education, Sodexo-Marriott, Academic Support Services, American Language Academy (ALA), the Bookstore, McQuade Library, the Religious Studies Department, BSU, and many others—is a reminder that we are all members of the international community.

Says ALA Program Director Jen Duclos, "This celebration is always a high point of the year for ALA because it provides our students a forum for sharing their cultures and languages with the wider campus community. ALA has been involved in Merrimack's IEW since its founding three years ago, and we have seen it grow from a small international film series the first year to a multi-departmental and multi-dimensional program this year."

The Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education encourages students to consider global experiential educational experiences as well. Says Coordinator/International Student Advisor, Office of Career Services and Coop Education Alane Deluca, "We get excited when students abandon their comfort zone to challenge themselves globally through such programs as Cooperative Education, Study Abroad, Service Learning, Experiential Learning including Shadowing and Internships. The key is for students to weave



Assistant Professor of Religious Studies Rebecca Norris and students line up to sample Indian food at "Flavors of India" in the Murray Lounge during International Week. Professor Norris organized the event.

together the many strong elements Merrimack offers, creating their own tapestry to bring into the world after they leave the green pastures of Merrimack."

Fr. Scott Ness, co-organizer of the International Education Week program commented, "International awareness is a lifelong process. We hope that we can encourage students to become more active both on campus and abroad in finding ways that they can experience the world, learn from other cultures, and become more committed global citizens. International Education Week is a small part of that, but every effort contributes to the overall learning experience. We look forward to next year."

For Second Consecutive Year Merrimack Named a Top Ten College

For the second year in a row, *U.S. News & World Report* has named Merrimack College a top ten regional school in the magazine's *America's Best Colleges*. The rankings, which were released last week and are available at newsstands after September 16, also include Merrimack as a top ten "Best Value" regional college, an indication of a quality education at a low cost. It is the sixth consecutive year that Merrimack has been named a top tier regional school by *U.S. News & World Report*.

"Our placement as a top ten school in these rankings reaffirms Merrimack's story of growth, transformation and commitment," said President Richard J. Santagati. "We have worked hard to obtain the level of achievement that Merrimack offers today. The experiences of our students, both on campus and after graduation, reflect well on the excellence and value of a Merrimack education."

Ranked seventh as a Best Comprehensive College - Bachelor's - in the north, Merrimack is one of only two schools in Massachusetts to be ranked as a top ten school in the north.

The rankings are based in part on a formula that uses objective data in seven measures to capture academic quality. They are: assessment by administrators at peer institutions, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and graduation rate performance (for national universities - doctoral and liberal arts colleges - bachelor's).

Peer assessments include input from college presidents, provosts and deans of admission at colleges and universities across the country. The indicators include input measures that reflect a school's student body, its faculty, and its financial resources, and outcome measures that signal how well the institution does its job of educating students. Scores for each measure are weighted to arrive at a final score.

The ranking of institutions such as Merrimack that were deemed "Best Value" is calculated using a formula that relates a school's academic quality to the net cost of attendance for a student who receives the average level of financial aid. According to *U.S. News & World Report*, "the higher the quality of the program and the lower the cost, the better the deal."

"Students and their families don't want to forego academic excellence because of costs. We understand that and work to keep tuition as low as possible while continuing to increase the quality of faculty and programs," said Santagati. "Students and their families who are making that important decision on where to pursue their higher education should also consider many other factors beyond such rankings so they can choose the optimal college experience that is right for them. These rankings offer only a glimpse into what happens day-to-day on an institution's campus."

The rankings are also published in the September *America's Best Colleges* published by *U.S. News & World Report* and are available on the Web at

Candles and Memories Burned Bright on September 11

Scenes from September 11,
2002 - A Day of Remembrance

On September 11, the country and the world recognized the tragic and still unbelievable events of last year with myriad tributes and events. At Merrimack, the college's community came together throughout the day and evening, including more than 450 students, faculty and staff for a candlelight vigil in Cascia Hall.

"September 11 didn't happen to just one person, but to everyone. Tonight, prayers go out to the families of the deceased," said Tracey



With candles in hand, students, faculty and staff walking from Cascia Hall to the statue of Our Mother of Good Counsel.

Cole '03, SGA president at the vigil. Candles were lit one by one, individuals filed out the doors of Cascia and walked solemnly across



Dr. Joshua Spero Dr. Curtis Martin and Dr. Gina Vega served on the faculty panel. Missing from photo was panelist Dr. Michael Kanner-Mascolo and moderator Dr. Deborah Burns.

campus through the quadrangle to the statue of Our Mother of Good Counsel, where students each left a prayer, remembrance or thought along with a symbolic rock in the altar area. Fr. Rick Piatt explained, "Placing the stone on the altar with our written prayers to God became a symbol of 'letting go, and letting God.' By offering up our prayers and then



A lone bagpiper wound his way across campus.

processing back to the hall with our candles we were symbolically taking the light, the good with us as we returned to our daily lives."

Following the vigil, a panel discussion offered the chance to learn from each other and share thoughts related to September 11 and the impact terrorism has had around the globe. The panelists



The Merrimack College community packed Cascia Hall for the candlelight vigil.

included Dr. Curtis Martin, Political Science; Dr. Michael Kanner-Mascolo, Psychology; Dr. Joshua Spero, Political Science; and Dr. Gina Vega, Management, Organizational Studies, Girard School of Business. Dr. Deborah Burns, English, served as panel moderator.

The panel explored the success of the war against terrorism. According to Martin, there have been both negative and positive developments. "On the positive side, many attacks have been thwarted and that is a blessing. The military war in Afghanistan was successful and enjoyed the support of all Afghanistan's neighbors. The regime that was universally regarded as oppressive was removed. We're successfully building an international coalition, that is, coordinating surveillance, lawmaking and prosecution of terrorists and terrorist cells. We've been getting indispensable

cooperation from allies, which we need."

He noted, however, there are many difficult challenges still ahead. "The Al-Qaeda operatives and leadership are alive and regrouping. They have an agenda and will probably act. There are huge problems in Pakistan and Afghanistan. U.S. sympathy from the international community has been replaced by an erosion of support in light of perceived U.S. unilateralism and inability to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Also, the administration's simplification of us vs. them has reduced U.S. flexibility and

narrowed options. In diplomacy, it's rarely good to close doors."

Earlier in the day, a lone bagpiper wound his way across campus from 8:45 – 9:15 a.m., the time that the planes struck the World Trade Center towers a year ago, drawing a crowd of students who were walking to classes.

An interfaith service of prayer, "We Remember How You Loved Us," was held at noontime at the Rogers Center which displayed a dramatic backdrop of the New York skyline as its backdrop. Jewish, Muslim, and Catholic prayers were read. Two students gave a moving dance performance and Dr. Kathleen Shine Cain, English, read a

poem by Maya Angelou.

At the service, President Richard J. Santagati asked everyone to pray for responsibility and peace worldwide. "Through education we realize it was not God or Allah who did this. Islam is a religion of peace and specifically forbids aggression. Let us gather together and pray for the family and friends lost at the World Trade Center, Pentagon and fields of Pennsylvania."

He then closed with a quote by Martin Luther King, Jr. "If we are to have peace on earth our loyalties must transcend race, class and our nation. We must develop a world perspective. No nation or individual can live alone. The judgment of God is upon us. We must live together or perish together as fools."

Amidst the silence, at the end of the service, a lone voice began to sing "God Bless America" and many others joined in. A solemn drum beat while attendees filed out.

Still aching, the Merrimack community found solace in the healing rituals of the day.



Juniors Katie Ross, Lisa Granger, and Jen Varney are members of the all-female Chelmsford Townhouse whose theme is patriotism. In remembrance of the anniversary of Sept. 11 students sold ribbons. Monies raised will go to the 9/11 Quilt Project.

Commencement to Honor Rabbi Robert Goldstein, Gladys Sakowich, and Rev. William McGuire, O.S.A.

Merrimack College is pleased to announce the speaker for its 53rd Commencement will be Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple Emanuel in Andover. Rabbi Goldstein will address 506 graduating students and will also receive an honorary doctorate degree on Sunday, May 18, 2003, at 2 p.m.

More than 4,000 are expected to attend.



Rabbi Robert Goldstein

Rabbi Robert Goldstein has served Temple Emanuel of Andover for the last thirteen years. He came to Andover in 1990 and, building upon the efforts of his predecessor, helped the congregation become a vibrant, multi-generational community. Previously he served at the Falmouth, Mass. Jewish Congregation from 1983-1990 and Temple Beth Am in Miami, Florida from 1981-1983.

In addition to his work with the Andover congregation, Rabbi Goldstein is recognized as being one of the leading religious leaders in the Merrimack Valley.

His op-ed articles have appeared in many local publications. Two years ago he initiated a Muslim/Jewish dialogue which has become a model for other communities. In June 2001 Merrimack College presented him with the *Tikkun Olam* award in honor of his many interfaith efforts.

Rabbi Goldstein holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Andover Newton Theological School ('88); Rabbinic Ordination ('81) and an M.A. in Hebrew Literature from Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion ('80). He also has a bachelor of arts in psychology/religion from University of Massachusetts ('75).

Two other honorary degree recipients have been named.

Rev. William McGuire, O.S.A. has served as senior vice president for administration at Villanova University since 1998. Previously, he was dean of enrollment management from 1990 to 1998. He was also assistant athletic director ('87-'89), assistant dean of liberal arts ('81-'87), and assistant dean of admissions ('79-'81).

Fr. McGuire holds an M.A. in religious education from Augustinian College in Washington, D.C. and a B.A. in philosophy and English.

He has served on the Board of Trustees at Merrimack College ('93-'01); Malvern Preparatory School in Malvern, Penn. ('87-'92); Philadelphia Catholic League in Philadelphia, Penn. ('76-'79); Austin Preparatory School in Reading, Mass. ('71-'72); Augustinian College in Washington, D.C. ('71-'72); and the Augustinian Society on Staten Island, N.Y. ('71-'72).

Additionally, he has been a member of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors and the American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Counselors since 1998.

Mrs. Gladys Sakowich is a long-time supporter and benefactor of

Merrimack College and has served on Merrimack's Board of Trustees for the past ten years. The support of Mrs. Sakowich and her husband, Anthony, was instrumental in the construction and major renovation of a building built in 1958 which was nearly doubled in size. The new building was opened for students in January 2001 and called the Gladys Sakowich Campus Center.

A graduate of Methuen High School, Mrs. Sakowich began a business career and joined Unwin Lumber Company of Lawrence, eventually becoming an owner of the company until its sale in 1965. She was one of the first women to become a bank director in the Greater Lawrence area and served as a director of Andover Bank until 1991. She is a trustee of the Sakowich Realty Trust, was treasurer of Saxon Manufacturing Co. in North Andover and her husband as president. She was treasurer and member of the Board of Directors of Ladies of Merrimack College, now known as the Friends of Merrimack College. Mrs. Sakowich is a former president of the November Club. She was a director of the Andover Historical Society, past president of the Andover Garden Club, and served on the advisory board for the Lawrence Y.W.C.A. She has also been a past trustee of the Andover West Parish Cemetery and Chapel. She has served a variety of professional, civic, and service organizations, and maintains her interest in Merrimack College and its students as a Trustee Emeritus on the Board of Trustee Student Life Committee.

McQuade Library Celebrates 35 Years

by Marie DeMarco

Thirty-five years ago, in the midst of 1968, a new library was dedicated on the campus of Merrimack College. The dedication welcomed His Eminence Richard Cardinal Cushing who presided and guest speakers the Honorable John A. Volpe, then Governor of Massachusetts, and Walter Muir Whitehill, director and librarian of the Boston Athenaeum. The new library was another important piece of the puzzle to comprise the beautiful, growing New England campus.

Construction on the new library was completed in 1967 and, after several moves around campus, the library moved its then 45,000 volumes for the last time. The Board of Trustees named the new building after Rev. Vincent A. McQuade, the founder and first president of Merrimack College who served for 21 years.

Once in its new permanent home, McQuade Library saw great growth. In addition to an increasing number of books, computer technology became an important part of college operations. The card catalog was replaced by a computerized system in 1980 and a CD-Rom database assisted in library research.

Today, alumna Barbara Lachance, the fifth and current director of McQuade Library, oversees the Guild Hall Library collection of 131,000 volumes, and more than 900 periodical subscriptions and 1,300 videos. Through its membership in North of Boston Library Exchange (NOBLE), the college has access to over 2 million titles. As the college continues to grow, as do the demands on McQuade Library, the early planning stages for a major renovation have begun.

To mark the 35th anniversary of the dedication on April 26, 1968, a special Web page has been created. Please visit <http://www.noblenet.org/Merrimack/anniversary/home.htm> to see construction photos, read about the history of McQuade Library, and to learn a few fun facts about life in 1968. In addition, a display case located in the front lobby of McQuade Library will bring you down memory lane with newspaper clippings, photographs and other memorabilia from the construction and dedication ceremony.

Checkpoint: New Residence Hall Construction Nearly Complete

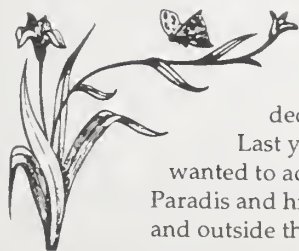
Despite the unrelenting snowfall this winter and tough working conditions, construction of the new upper class residence hall is ahead of schedule and 85% complete at this phase. By the end of August approximately 210 students will occupy the 31 suites in the new dormitory.

Ever since Suffolk Construction broke ground on July 1, Monican Boulevard has been a very busy site. On some days as many as one hundred people—masons, carpenters, roofers, electricians—can be found on the site putting up dry wall, installing heating and ventilation, and painting walls.

"I'm pleased with the cooperation with Student Life and Resident Life in terms of making this project work and being built on time. And also with our Physical Plant department which has a great deal to do with helping us select the building systems that go in place and checking them. Bob Coppola has been very instrumental in helping move this project along," said David Breen, vice president, Administration

Spring is in Bloom

by Marie DeMarco



We've all heard it before – how beautiful the Merrimack College campus is with green lawns, budding trees and flowers in bloom. This year, we can all appreciate just a few more blossoms, thanks to McLay's Florist and the talent and dedication of Groundsperson **Marcel Paradis**.

Last year, florist owner John McLay read an article about the greening of our campus and wanted to add to its beauty. He promptly donated 500 daffodils to the college. Planted by Paradis and his co-workers in Physical Plant, the 500 daffodils are popping up in the Austin island and outside the Sakowich Campus Center...just a friendly reminder that spring is in the air!





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Christine Marie Medeiros



Chrissy,
Reach for the stars, accept no less, you deserve
the very best! You possess awesome potential
that make dreams a reality! Love, Dad, Mom, &
Brian

Arthur E. Mercier



Artie,
Congratulations! We are very proud of you and love
you. We wish you a great future.
Mom, Dad, Ed, Mike and The Whole Family

Scott F. Mierkiewicz



Congratulations! You did it!
Enjoy your success-the best is yet to come!
With Love and Pride,
Mom & Dad, Brothers and Babci
Brodie and Princess

Colleen Miller



Colleen,
We are so proud of you! May all your dreams
come true. Congratulations!
Love, Dad, Mom, and Heather

Elizabeth Monagan



Beth,
Congratulations! We are very proud of all your
achievements at Merrimack.
Love,
Dad, Mom and Meg

Michael and Katherine Moynihan



We love you Michael and Katie. Our wish for you
is a life full of success, friends and family, joy and
peace.
Dad and Mom

Erin Mulligan



Where have the years gone? Congratulations to a wonderful daughter whose accomplishments have made us so proud. Many wishes for success in the years ahead.

Anne Marie Nemecek



Dear Anne Marie,
Wishing you all of the love, joy and happiness you have given us. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments.
Love, Mom, Dad and Ellen

Allison Nugent

Allison,
Congratulations! You did it-Hard work, determination, organization and persistence. We love you, Dad, Mom, Pat, Kaya, Gram, Aunts & Uncles

Jackie Oates



We are so proud and happy for you, Jackie. Congratulations! With love and a group hug-Mom, Dad and Gregg

Devon Victoria O'Neal



Devon-I am so very proud of the beautiful woman you have become. May you reach all your goals and fulfill all your dreams .
Love,
Mom

Jason A. Palumbo



Jason, Congratulations on all your accomplishments. You have always made us extremely proud of you. We wish you continued success and will be there to love and support you. Love,
Dad, Mom, Mike, Chris, Nana

Jonathan M. Patrowicz



Congratulations to "My Little Buddy"
Chairman of the board or whatever you want to
be, is your for the taking.
Love from Mom and Dad

Melissa Patterson



We are very proud of you and wish you all the
success and happiness you deserve.
Lots of love,
Mom, Dad and Adam

Lisa Pellegrini



Lisa,
How proud you have made us! You've grown up
to be a caring, responsible young woman. Aim
high for your goals for you are sure to meet them.
Love, Mom & Dad

Michael Poerio

Dear Mike,
We are all so proud of you. Con-
gratulations and may all your
dreams come true.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Frank & Anthony

Kimberly Potvin



Congratulations Kimberly! We are very proud of
you and hope all your dreams come true. You are
very special to us.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Lisa and Grammy

Stephen Ranieri



Bud,
We are so proud of all your accomplishments, an
we love you very much. A nice condo in Aruba
will be just fine.
Love, Dad, Ma and Michelle

Thomas L. Reale



Tommy-
Congratulations graduate! You have given us so much to be proud of.
With all our love,
Mom, Dad & Michael

Monica L. Rennell



Monica,
We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Best of luck with your future career!
All of our love, Mom & Dad

Gina Restaino



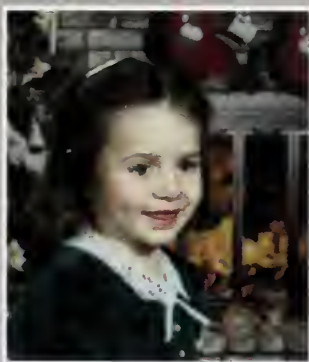
Gina,
May your life be filled with love, happiness, and success! We are so very proud of you! Congratulations and Love always,
Mom, Dad & Vic

Kerry Rogato



Go for it K.K.
Love,
Uncle Frank

Kerry Rogato



K.K.
Every man's life is a fairytale written by God's fingers. Author-Hans Christian Anderson
Keep living your beautiful story!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & sisters

Kristen Rouine



Kristen,
We are so proud of you for reaching your goals yet having fun and making memories for a lifetime.
Love, Mom, Dad and Michael

William T. Scaggs



Our Dear Bill:
All of your life, your smile has brightened our lives;
it is the mirror of your soul. Remember, we'll love
you forever, Mom and Dad

William T. Scaggs



Bill,
See Far
Live Long
Know Well
Love You, Mean It! Ladonna

David Ronald Schneider



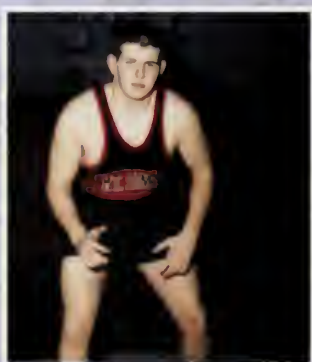
We are proud of your accomplishments, and the
man you have become. Love, prayers, and
wishes for the fulfillment of your cherished dreams
and ambitions. With all our love, Mom and Dad

Daniel Sorice

Danny,
Whatever it is you're wishing for, what-
ever you hope comes true, whatever it
is you want the most. That's what this
wishes for you. Your whole family is
very proud of you.

Mom, Brian, Joanna, Karen, John &
kids

Daniel Sorice



Dear Dan, We are very proud of all you have
accomplished at Merrimack. You are well pre-
pared to "wrestle" with the future.
Grams & Pop

Justin M. Soucy

Justin,
We're proud of the man you've become.
Remember, on the way to your goals,
it's not the destination that counts, but
the journey that matters. We wish you
the best in your life's journey.
Love Mom & Dad

Justin St.Hilaire



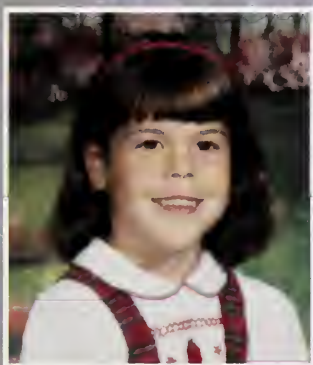
Continue to live life without "Regret" and your future will be filled with Health, Happiness and Success. We may not know all that the world has to offer, but we know the world will be a better place because of what you have to offer it. Thank you for all the joy you have brought to our lives.

Love, Mom, Dad, Michael, Nana & Papa

Katherine E. Stevens

Katie,
Congratulations, I am so proud of you and your success at Merrimack. The dedication, energy and hard work that you put into all that you do is a tribute to the amazing person that you are.
Love, Chris

Katherine E. Stevens



Katie,
We are so proud of all that you have accomplished at Merrimack. Congratulations and may all your dreams come true.

Love, Mom and Dad

Kaitlin E. Sullivan



Kaitlin,
We are extremely proud of you and of all of your accomplishments. God Bless you always!
Love, Dad, Mom and Kevin, Meghan, and Lucky

Bria Suprenant



Bria -
Congratulations on your graduation. We are so very proud of you and love you. Best of luck always.

Love, Dad and Mom

Daniel P. Talbot

Dan,
Life has so much to give. Keep your heart wide open for you have so much to share. I'm sure you will pick the right road in life, albeit the one less trodden.
Love Always, Mum
"Take Care You"

Daniel P. Talbot

Dan,
What a wonderful gift you are, to those
who know you and to those who will.
Follow your path, free from fear and
attachment, so you may know the joy of
living. Write from within. Congratulations!

With love and pride,
Dad

Troy Simeon Taylor



You make us very proud!
Mo ghraidhin go deo thu!
Rath De ort!
Love, Dad, Mom and family

Carl VanNote



Dear Carl,
We congratulate you and wish you continued
success and happiness in your future
endeavors. We're so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Cara

Marilenin Vasquez



Your determination and hard work has always
prevailed in everything you decide to do. You're
our trophy. Never forget who you are, little star;
shining brighter than all the stars in the sky. We
are proud of you! The world is yours to accom-
plish anything you want!

Kristopher J. Ventresco



Kristopher, How time flies! We're so proud of you
and all your accomplishments. We wish you all
your dreams come true and that you always be
happy. We love you, Mom, Dad, Ashley and
Nicholas

Christen S. Vergados

*Come safe to port
Thy tiny sail
Now have we seen by early sun
The Miracle of Life Begun
Grace Conkling*

Dearest Christen, What seems not so
long ago, your tiny sail of life came to
us. Now as you are about to set your
sails towards the many ports the world
has to offer, remember we love you and
are proud of you.
Love Mom, Dad and Jason

Kyle Wescott



Kyle, Congratulations! We are very proud of you! Get ready for your biggest role yet --- teaching. You'll make a great math teacher! Love, Mom & Dad

Jessica Whitney



You brought sunshine into our lives and continue to make us proud as you achieve another goal on your journey to success. Love Dad + Mom

Erin Wilkins



Erin -
We're so proud of you!
Love Mom, Dad, Matthew,
Kevin and Patrick

Josh Winchell



"Stand at the top of this peak and look toward the next. Remain true to yourself and follow your dreams. Wherever you go, Love will follow."

Javier E. Zapanta



Congratulations! May the Lord guide and bless you to your success. We are all very proud of your accomplishments.

Lori Miller



WOW!

Emily Canavan



Emily,

From then to now much too fast!! For all you have done and will continue to do, we are all so very proud of you. Congratulations, love always, Mom, Dad, Ian, Memere, Aunt Lynne, Uncle Ron, Uncle Bob, Aunt Lisa, Molly, Robert, Aunt Helen, Aunt Mary, Aunt Denise, Aunt Patty, The Laconte's, Godson Leonardo, The Pharris', The Heller's, Boo-Boo and Captain.

Courtney MacKinnon



We wish for you...
Comfort on difficult days,
Smile, when sadness intrudes,
Laughter, to kiss your lips,
Hugs, when spirits sag,
Friendships, to brighten your being,
Beauty, for your eyes to see,
Confidence, for when you doubt,
Faith, so that you can believe,
Courage to know yourself,
Patience, to accept the truth, and
Love, to complete your life.

Congratulations!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Sarah Roth



Congratulations Sarah!
The world awaits your talents, your leadership and your dreams. You have worked very hard and your accomplishments are many. Thank you for being a wonderful daughter and a determined student. I love you very much.
MOM

Maryanne M. Foley

Maryanne,
I am so very proud of the fine
young lady you have become
and you are going to be a Fan-
tastic Educator!

Miguelito Saldana



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Thanks to all of you, who helped me to make this dream
come true: Good, Scott, Orlando, Dick & Lillian, Benny &
Mory, Carolina, Mary, Negra (Mama), Ningo, Jose,
Sergio, Fulvio, Nerys, Nina, Teresa, Nao, Mana, Anyelo &
Christopher.

Elizabeth McCahill

Congratulations Elizabeth!
We are all very proud of you.
Love, Mommy, Daddy, Carin,
Julia, Jay, Jack & Kerry



Congratulations Class of 2003

Colophon

- ~This book contains 328 pages, printed on 80# gloss.
- ~The size of the book is 7 3/4 X 10 1/2.
- ~The cover is Craftline Embossed with custom cut die.
- ~The cover material is BasinStreet 517, the cover application is Pale Gold 328 and the grain is Mission.
- ~The front and back paper is Blue Stone 300 and the applied color on the front pages is 03 Embossleaf Gld 878.
- ~Most of the photos in the book were taken by Prestige Portraits.
- ~The pictures of Opening Convocation on pages 112-114 were taken by Carol Van Doren.
- ~Clubs and Organizations provided their own pictures.
- ~Pictures featured in Ads to Grads were provided by the relatives and friends of the graduating students.
- ~The pictures for fall, winter, and spring sports were taken by Michael Narbut.
- ~Pictures for Guster were provided by Rebecca Pratte.
- ~Assorted candids were submitted by students.
- ~Alternative Spring Break pictures were provided by Marilenin Vasquez.
- ~Members of the yearbook staff photographed some campus events when needed.
- ~The Year in Review pages came from the Connections Newsletter.
- ~Volume 53 of the Merrimackan Yearbook was published by Jostens Publishing Company at the Winston-Salem, North Carolina Plant.
- ~A giant thank you goes out to our Jostens Representative, Jeff Smith. Your help was greatly appreciated.
- ~This yearbook would not have been possible without the dedication of Emily Canavan, Andrea Merrill, Lisa Kimball, Katie Canizaro, Kristen Ferraro, Michael Narbut, and our advisor, Jim Greeley. Thank You!



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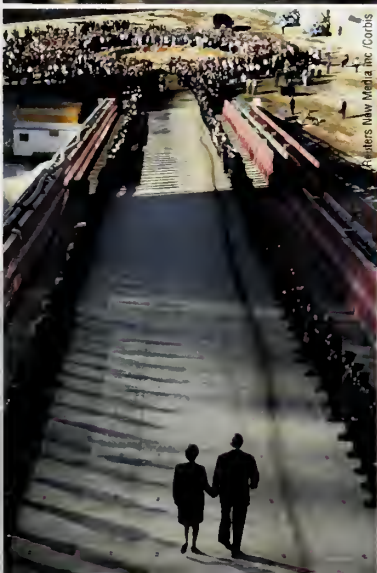
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U2's humanitarian lead singer Bono visits Africa and tours Midwestern America to raise awareness and support for African AIDS epidemic relief.

Nuclear crisis arises when North Korean leader Kim Jong Il breaks a 1994 pledge with the United States not to build nuclear weapons.



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WORLD

U.N. inspectors return to Iraq to investigate Saddam Hussein's alleged production of weapons of mass destruction.



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A Halloween earthquake in San Giuliano di Puglia, Italy, topples an elementary school, killing dozens of children.

China's one-child-per-family policy creates an imbalanced boy-to-girl ratio that will result in tens of millions of men finding themselves single in the year 2020.



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^ In October, a Moscow theater siege by Chechen rebels ends in a Russian special forces raid that kills the captors and at least 129 hostages.



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^ Thousands die as storms and floods cause billions of dollars in damage in China and many countries across Europe.



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^ Pope John Paul II travels to Toronto's Downsview Park in July to lead the World Youth Day vigil.

- ▼ The Miss World beauty pageant leaves Nigeria after Islamic fundamentalist protest groups kill more than 100 people.

- ▼ In Venezuela, an opposition strike demanding President Hugo Chavez's resignation paralyzes the country's oil exports and turns to bloodshed as Chavez supporters retaliate.

- ▼ The oil tanker *Prestige* spills more than 5 million gallons of oil off the northwestern coast of Spain before splitting in two and sinking.

- ▼ Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter receives the Nobel Peace Prize for his decades of work for peace, democracy and human rights worldwide.



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- ▼ Over 100 people, mostly foreign tourists, are killed in an October terrorist bombing of two nightclubs in Bali, Indonesia.



Reuters/Landov

- ◀ Emergency workers in the United States and overseas receive smallpox vaccinations as a preventative measure against bioterrorism.

WAR ON TERRORISM

- Once presumed dead, Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden returns to Middle Eastern air waves with recorded anti-American threats.

Vasily Fedosenko/Reuters/Landov



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- In an effort to eliminate Al-Qaeda, the United States continues its war on terrorism by maintaining a steady military presence in Afghanistan.

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- After being subpoenaed to testify before a Massachusetts grand jury about sex abuse among Catholic priests, embattled Boston Cardinal Bernard Law resigns.
- More than 25 states implement the Amber Alert System, which posts information about abducted children on TV and interstate signs, leading to the recovery of dozens of children nationwide.



Bourj Reders/Landow



AP Photo/Phil Witte

NATIONAL

- For weeks in October, alleged snipers John Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo terrorize Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia, randomly killing 10 people and injuring three others.
- ✓ The space shuttle Columbia breaks apart on reentry into the Earth's atmosphere, killing all seven astronauts aboard.

Peter Cosgrove/AP/Wide World Photos



"The crew of the shuttle Columbia did not return safely to Earth, but we can pray they are safely home."

— President George W. Bush

SNIPER ATTACKS

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On July 28, nine Pennsylvania coal miners are rescued after being trapped for three days in a mineshaft flooded with over 70 million gallons of water.



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Midterm elections make history as Republicans, the party controlling the White House, gain congressional seats rather than losing them.



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Several large corporations inflate profits while top executives make off with millions in accounting scandals that send shock waves through global markets.

▼ In October, Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone dies in a plane crash along with his wife, daughter and five other victims.

▼ Sparked by summer drought, wildfires—including one set accidentally by a forlorn forest ranger—tear across the western United States.

▼ A weakened economy repeatedly drives down interest rates and delivers retailers their worst holiday shopping season in decades.

▼ President Bush signs the Homeland Security Act, officially creating a Department of Homeland Security dedicated to preventing terrorist attacks.

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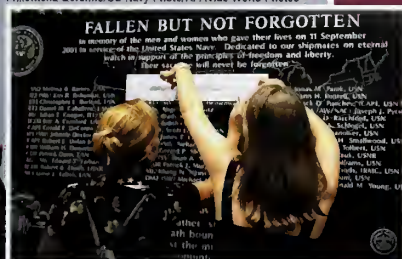


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9/11 ANNIVERSARY

Philomena Goren/US Navy Photo/AP/Wide World Photos



▲ Throughout 2002, Americans search for ways to recover and rebuild from September 11. On the one-year anniversary, survivors, families and friends gather at all three sites to commemorate the lives lost.

Reed Saxon/AP/Wide World Photos



Harold Jose Sanchez/AP/Wide World Photos

◀ Federal employees from the Transportation Security Administration begin screening all checked baggage and random passengers at airports.

◀ The possibility of the United States waging war against Iraq meets disapproval both at home and abroad.

▶ The U.S. Senate passes a resolution condemning a Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in schools is unconstitutional.



- ▶ Patients in Florida are the first to receive the VeriChip, a computer chip bearing personal medical data that is injected into the forearm.
- ▶ Microsoft's Tablet PC enables users to write directly on the screen rather than typing on a keyboard.



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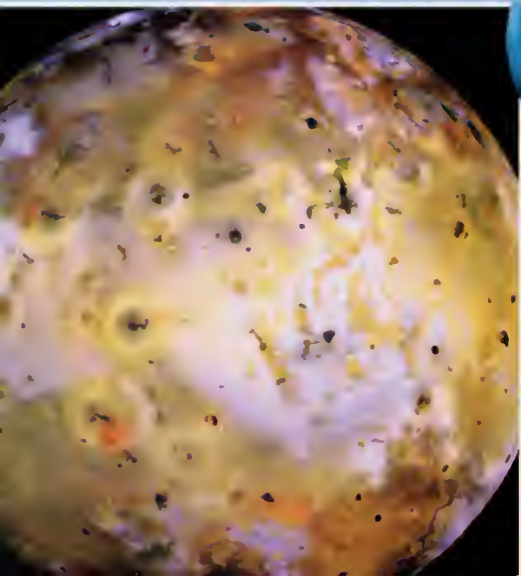
The *Journal of the American Medical Association* reports that children who grow up with pets have a reduced risk of developing common allergies.



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- ▶ Maria de Jesus and Maria Teresa Quiej-Alvarez, 1-year-old Guatemalan twins born joined at the head, are successfully separated after over 22 hours of surgery.
- ▶ Just before burning up in Jupiter's atmosphere, the Galileo spacecraft captures the closest shots ever taken of Jupiter's moon Io.

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ALLERGIES



- ▶ Both Italian doctor Severino Antinori and Raelian scientists at Clonaid, who believe aliens created humans, claim to have produced the first cloned human. Neither claim is proven genetically.



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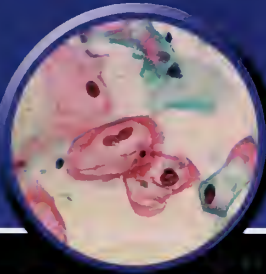
- ▶ El Niño causes snow and ice storms up and down the East Coast, rainstorms in California and a devastating December tornado in Mississippi.



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- ▶ A blanket of pollution over South Asia, dubbed the "Asian Brown Cloud," threatens the lives of millions worldwide with respiratory disease.

- Early tests indicate an experimental vaccine to be 100 percent effective against the human papilloma virus that causes cervical cancer.



- University of Arkansas researchers discover that microorganisms grow in conditions similar to those on Mars, suggesting the planet once hosted or currently hosts life.



- For \$300 to \$1,000 per injection, people craving eternal youth attend BOTOX parties to inject the FDA-approved paralytic toxin into their skin to relax their muscle tissue.



- General Motors introduces the Hy-wire — a car powered by hydrogen and oxygen that emits heat and water rather than harmful exhaust.



- The nation's largest outbreak of the West Nile Virus hits in summer 2002. The disease is spread by migrating birds and transmitted by mosquitoes.

- The gun turret of the historic Civil War ironclad USS *Monitor* is raised from the floor of the Atlantic Ocean.



- President Bush orders construction of a system that would defend the United States from ballistic missile attacks by 2004.

- The newly discovered hunger hormone ghrelin is found to play a role in obesity by regulating what you eat and how much weight you gain.

- The U.S. Education Department reports that average geography scores of the nation's fourth and eighth graders, while low, have improved from 1994.
- Ellula introduces HotAir Speakers, a set of battery-powered, inflatable speakers that are small enough to fit in your pocket when deflated.

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LIFESTYLE

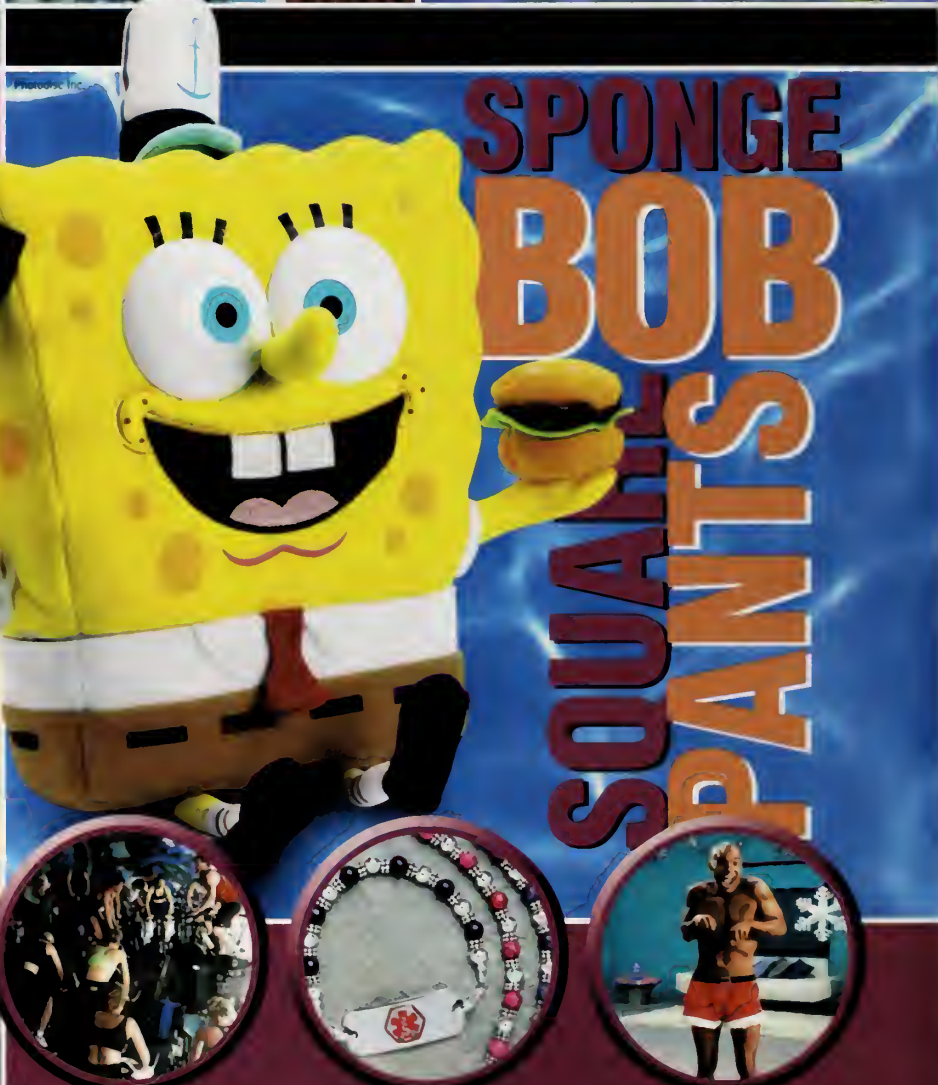
- Nickelodeon's "SpongeBob Squarepants" ignites imaginations across the nation and appears on store shelves on everything from slippers to suspenders.

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- ⤴ McDonald's unveils new lower-fat french fries due to the new Healthy Eating Pyramid and in response to many former patrons suing for making them overweight.
- ✓ 1970s peasant shirts are alive and well on runways and in school halls.

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- ⤴ The Institute of Medicine announces that maintaining health now requires one hour of exercise daily, doubling the previous recommendation.

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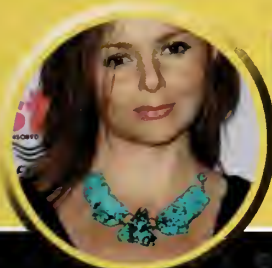
- ⤴ Jewelry designers Le Ann Carlson and Denise Gaskill add style to safety with Lauren's Hope for a Cure medical ID bracelets.

Kmart Corporation

- ⤴ Kmart rejuvenates the Joe Boxer brand with ads featuring the dancing Joe Boxer guy, Vaughn Lowery.

- Everyone from hot young movie stars to aging rock stars sports the newest fashion trend, turquoise jewelry.

Theodore Wood/Camera Press/Retna



- The cola war puts new flavors to the test, including Dr. Pepper Red Fusion, Pepsi Blue and Vanilla Coke.



- Krispy Kreme lovers start a new tradition by celebrating their vows with doughnut wedding cakes.

Courtesy Krispy Kreme



- Several companies introduce flavored water enhanced with vitamins and other nutrients.



- European fashion hits the sidewalks and clubs of the United States with retro-style bowling shoes.

- Busy singles try out speed dating, which gives couples several minutes to talk one-on-one before moving to a new partner at the next table.

Mark Gormus/Richmond Times-Dispatch/AP/Wide World Photos



Shaun Best/Reuters/Landov

AFP/Yoshikazu Tsuno/Corbis



SPEED DATING

- The Mohawk makes a hair-raising comeback after being donned by everyone from U.S. World Cup star Clint Mathis to actor Ryan Phillippe.

- Digital innovations include camera phones — cell phones that can transmit still and video images through mobile phone lines.

▶ At the 2002 Academy Awards, Halle Berry and Denzel Washington win Best Actress and Best Actor Oscars. Berry is the first female African-American to win the award.

▶ *Spider-Man*, starring Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst, spins a \$114 million opening weekend box-office record.



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ENTERTAINMENT

▶ With over 6 million viewers, "The Osbournes" is the biggest hit in MTV's 21-year history.



G4 TV



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▶ Avid gamers tune in to G4, the first cable TV channel dedicated solely to video games.

▶ Viewers return week after week for a bit of innocent American nostalgia on NBC's hit drama "American Dreams."



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▶ Ron, Harry and Hermione are back to hitting the books and battling evil forces in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*.

▶ "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette" keep millions tuned in to ABC to see who will receive an on-air marriage proposal.

▶ PBS's "Sesame Street" introduces the Muppet Kami, an HIV-infected orphan, in an effort to educate young people worldwide about AIDS.

▼ Jennifer Aniston wins her first Emmy Award and a Golden Globe for her role as the new mother Rachel Green on NBC's popular comedy "Friends."



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▼ Virtual unknowns Nia Vardalos and John Corbett steal America's hearts in the year's surprise smash hit *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*.



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▼ Peter Jackson receives a Golden Globe Best Director nomination for *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*, the year's most anticipated sequel.



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▼ Cynical Simon Cowell and company stir up big ratings for Fox's "American Idol" and big record sales for winner Kelly Clarkson, a waitress from Texas.

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◀ After a two-year hiatus, Leonardo DiCaprio returns to the big screen with two holiday blockbusters, *Gangs of New York* and *Catch Me If You Can*.

▼ *Chicago*, a film adaptation of the hit Broadway musical, wins three Golden Globes, including Best Picture: Musical or Comedy, and receives 13 Oscar nominations.



CHICAGO

Miramax/David James Cortesia Album



◀ HBO Films' comedy *Real Women Have Curves* promotes positive self-image with the dazzling debut of Latin-American actress America Ferrera.

◀ CBS scores a ratings doubleheader with a pair of forensic investigation dramas, "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" and "CSI Miami."

► Newcomer Norah Jones takes home live Grammys, including Album of the Year, for *Come Away With Me*

► Multi-talented Eminem raps up five Grammy nominations for *The Eminem Show* and big box-office success in *8 Mile*

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MUSIC

► Rocker Avril Lavigne and other "anti-Britneys," such as Vanessa Carlton and Michelle Branch, represent the new face of women in music.

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► Weezer teams up with the Muppets in the video for "Keep Fishin'," the second single from their hit album *Maladroit*.

► Pop takes a new direction when former boy band favorites Nick Carter and Justin Timberlake break out with solo albums and tours.



Larry Busacca/WireImage.com



J. Pat Carter/AP/Wide World Photos

► Spanish trio Las Ketchup lands a summer hit with the catchy "Asereje" aka "The Ketchup Song (Hey Hah)."



Hermann J. Kropp/AP/Wide World Photos

► R&B newcomer Ashanti becomes the first artist since the Beatles to have three singles from a debut album in *Billboard's* Top 10 at the same time.



Chris Pizzello/AP/Wide World Photos

► In April 2002, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, 30, of R&B band TLC, dies in a car crash on a Honduran highway.

✓ In October, legendary hip-hop DJ Jam Master Jay of Run-DMC is shot and killed in a Queens, New York, music studio.

✓ After a six-year romance, No Doubt's Gwen Stefani marries Bush's Gavin Rossdale in September.

✓ Country crossover star Shania Twain hits No. 1 on the *Billboard* albums chart with *Up!*, a double CD with every song in both a pop and country version.

✓ Former Beatles rock legend Paul McCartney brings in \$2 million a night, for a total of \$103 million, on the year's top-grossing tour.

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TOP CONCERT



◀ The Strokes, *Spin* magazine's 2002 Band of the Year, lead a resurgence of rock 'n' rollers, including The Hives and The Vines.

✓ Armed with a steady beat and punk-rock-blues riffs, The White Stripes' stripped-down rock shines on the highly acclaimed *White Blood Cells*.

Alpha-Mark Allan/Globe Photos



◀ Alan Jackson's triple-platinum album *Drive* wins five Country Music Association Awards and is named the *USA Today* No. 1 country album of 2002.

◀ *Nirvana*, the famed grunge band's long-awaited greatest hits album, features "You Know You're Right," the last recording Kurt Cobain made before his 1994 suicide.

Krista Niles/AP/Wide World Photos



- ▶ Dallas Cowboy running back Emmitt Smith breaks Walter Payton's 16,727-yard mark to become the NFL's all-time leading rusher

- ▶ The Detroit Red Wings capture the 2002 NHL Stanley Cup over the Cinderella Carolina Hurricanes. It's a record ninth cup for retiring coach Scotty Bowman



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SPORTS

- ▶ Serena and Venus Williams continue to dominate women's tennis, becoming the first sisters to be ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the world.

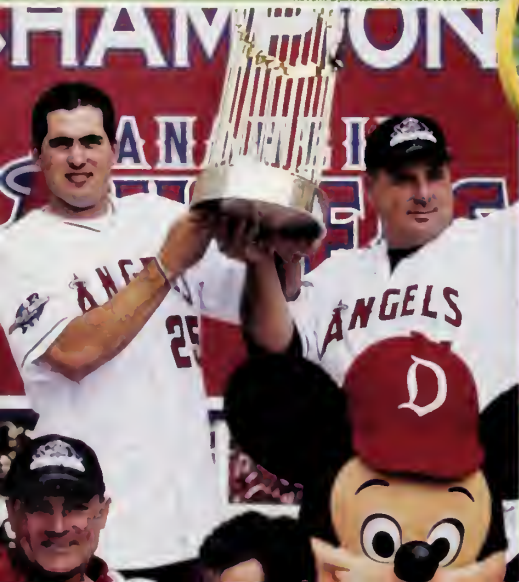
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- ▶ The college football season is marred by violent confrontations involving fans, students and even coaches.

- ▶ MVP Troy Glaus leads the scrappy Anaheim Angels to the 2002 World Series win over Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants, four games to three.

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SISTERS

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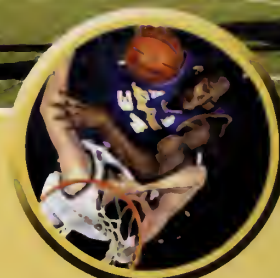
Mannie Garcia/Getty Images

- ▶ Martha Burk of the National Council of Women's Organizations battles with Augusta National chairman William Johnson over the issue of female membership at the famous Georgia golf club.



Terry Renna/AP/Wide World Photos

- ▶ An 18th place finish in the NASCAR season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway is enough to earn Tony Stewart his first Winston Cup Series championship.



Chris Fayot/The Star Ledger/Corbis-Sigma

- ▶ Despite an injured toe, Shaquille O'Neal powers the unstoppable Los Angeles Lakers to a third straight NBA championship title in May 2002.

- ✓ The U.S. men's soccer team advances to the World Cup quarterfinals for the first time, by defeating Mexico 2-0.

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- ✓ The U.S. Postal Service team propels *Sports Illustrated* magazine's Sportsman of the Year Lance Armstrong to his fourth consecutive Tour de France victory.

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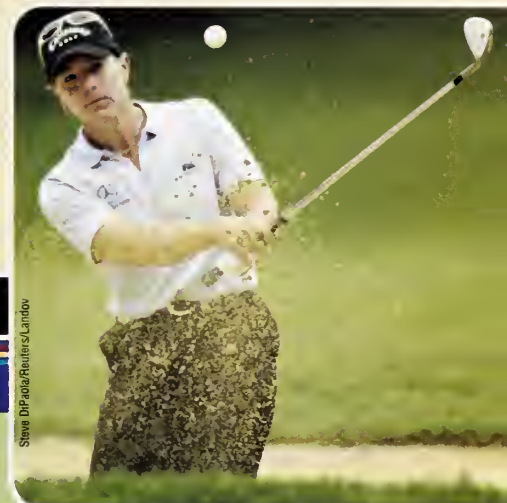
- ✓ The top-rated defense of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers shuts down the No. 1 offense of the Oakland Raiders to win Super Bowl XXXVII 48-21.

Matt A. Brown/Newsport/Carbis



Mark J. Terrill/AP/Wide World Photos

- ✓ LPGA pro Annika Sorenstam, after a record-setting 13-win 2002 season worldwide, accepts an invitation to play the Colonial tournament on the men's 2003 PGA Tour.



Steve Delaney/Reuters/Landow

- ✓ The Ohio State Buckeyes beat the heavily favored Miami Hurricanes in double overtime to win the BCS National Championship. The 31-24 victory is the school's first national football title since 1968.

- ✓ The new sport of SlamBall takes basketball to the extreme on a specially designed court with four trampolines in front of each hoop.



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- ✓ Skateboarding reaches new popularity heights thanks to the high visibility of the X Games and the "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater" video game series.

- ✓ Surfing welcomes a tidal wave of women to the sport after receiving a Hollywood endorsement in the popular summer flick *Blue Crush*.

The sports world loses two legends—baseball's "Splendid Splinter" Ted Williams and Johnny Unitas, one of football's greatest quarterbacks.

Zacarias Moussaoui, widely believed to be the 20th hijacker, goes on trial for his involvement in the September 11 terrorist attacks.



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Baltimore Colts

Reuters/Shaun Byrne/Getty Images



FACES

Martha Stewart faces charges of illegal stock trading after former Imclone president Sam Waksal allegedly tips her off regarding the company's demise.

Russell Boyce/Reuters/Landov



In show business since they were 9 months old, Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, 16, have amassed a \$76 million fortune through their Dualstar Entertainment Group.

Veteran actor Richard Harris, known for his role as Hogwarts wise headmaster Albus Dumbledore, dies of Hodgkin's disease at age 72.

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▲ Mentally challenged Ohio high school senior Jake Porter—who suited up for every practice and game for four years but never played—scores his first touchdown.



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▲ California's Linda and Loretta Sanchez make history as the first sisters ever elected to Congress.



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▲ Mississippi Senator Trent Lott is widely criticized for apparent racist remarks he made at Senator Strom Thurmond's 100th birthday party. In December, Lott resigns as majority leader.



